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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,637,400 in September, an increase of 8,800 from the August revised level, and 2,200 higher than the September, 1992 figure.

Employment in the goods producing industries was up by 1,000 in September, but was 2,400 below the year-ago figure. Mining was down due to less activity in the exploration for oil and gas. The special trade contractors segment was solely responsible for the increase in construction jobs in September. A seasonal increase in food and kindred products, nondurable goods pushed manufacturing payrolls higher in September.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,307,300 in September. This was an increase of 7,800 above August and 4,600 higher than September a year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down by 100 in September, but within the sector, transportation was up by 300 and communications and public utilities employment was down by 400. Trade employment was lower mainly due to several segments in the retail sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate payrolls dropped as a result of decreases in the banking segment. A seasonal increase in educational services was mainly responsible for the growth in total services employment. Government employment rose due to increases in both state and local education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 136,100 production workers in manufacturing increased from $535.94 in August to $551.62 in September, an increase of $15.68, and an increase of $28.79 from September of last year. Average hourly earnings were $13.01 in September. This estimate was $0.34 higher than August and $0.65 higher than September, 1992. Average weekly hours for September were 42.4, an increase of 0.1 hour from the August revised level of 42.3 hours.

The September preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 6.9 percent, a decrease from the August revised rate of 7.4 percent. The national unemployment rate for September remained the same as the August rate of 6.7 percent. Total unemployment for September decreased to 127,000. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,839,900, with a decrease in total employment to 1,712,900.

## LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

|  |  |  |  | Net Change From |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Sept. 1993* | Aug. 1993** | Sept. 1992** | Aug. 1993 | Sept. 1992 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 1,637.4 | 1,628.6 | 1,635.2 | + 8.8 | + 2.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 330.1 | 329.1 | 332.5 | + 1.0 | - 2.4 |
| MINING | 43.6 | 43.8 | 44.6 | - 0.2 | - 1.0 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 41.8 | 42.0 | 42.8 | - 0.2 | - 1.0 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 100.3 | 99.9 | 100.7 | + 0.4 | - 0.4 |
| General Contractors | 18.9 | 18.9 | 19.4 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 38.9 | 38.9 | 38.6 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 42.5 | 42.1 | 42.7 | + 0.4 | - 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 186.2 | 185.4 | 187.2 | + 0.8 | - 1.0 |
| Durable Goods | 80.4 | 80.5 | 80.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 14.6 | 14.6 | 14.9 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.9 | 13.0 | 12.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.9 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 105.8 | 104.9 | 106.7 | + 0.9 | - 0.9 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 22.0 | 21.1 | 22.3 | + 0.9 | - 0.3 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.4 | 12.5 | 12.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.3 | 11.4 | 11.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 1,307.3 | 1,299.5 | 1,302.7 | + 7.8 | + 4.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 104.5 | 104.6 | 105.5 | - 0.1 | - 1.0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 61.4 | 61.1 | 61.8 | + 0.3 | - 0.4 |
| Water Transportation | 23.5 | 23.1 | 23.6 | + 0.4 | - 0.1 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 38.2 | 38.6 | 38.6 | - 0.4 | - 0.4 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.7 | 15.8 | 15.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 22.5 | 22.8 | 22.7 | - 0.3 | - 0.2 |

## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept. 1993* | Aug. 1993** | Sept. 1992** | Aug. 1993 | Sept. 1992 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 380.4 | 380.6 | 379.9 | - 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 86.7 | 86.7 | 86.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.3 | 47.6 | 47.2 | - 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 39.4 | 39.1 | 39.3 | + 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 293.7 | 293.9 | 293.4 | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 10.8 | 10.9 | 10.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| General Merchandise | 39.8 | 39.4 | 39.4 | + 0.4 | + 0.4 |
| Food Stores | 58.8 | 59.0 | 59.4 | - 0.2 | - 0.6 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 31.5 | 31.5 | 31.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 15.5 | 15.7 | 15.6 | - 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 95.8 | 95.9 | 95.8 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Retail Trade | 31.4 | 31.4 | 30.9 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 76.8 | 76.9 | 77.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| Banking | 27.3 | 27.5 | 27.2 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Insurance | 26.1 | 26.0 | 26.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| SERVICES | 400.8 | 397.5 | 399.4 | + 3.3 | + 1.4 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 21.6 | 21.6 | 21.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Personal Services | 13.9 | 13.8 | 13.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Business Services | 64.6 | 64.2 | 64.8 | + 0.4 | - 0.2 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.5 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 15.1 | 15.2 | 15.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Health Services | 134.8 | 134.9 | 135.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Hospitals | 58.8 | 58.9 | 58.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Legal Services | 16.2 | 16.6 | 16.3 | - 0.4 | - 0.1 |
| Educational Services | 27.3 | 24.3 | 25.7 | + 3.0 | + 1.6 |
| Social Services | 24.5 | 24.1 | 24.1 | + 0.4 | + 0.4 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.4 | 26.5 | 26.4 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 27.8 | 27.6 | 27.8 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 344.8 | 339.9 | 340.5 | + 4.9 | + 4.3 |
| Federal | 37.7 | 37.9 | 37.8 | - 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 307.1 | 302.0 | 302.7 | + 5.1 | + 4.4 |
| State | 107.9 | 103.6 | 108.2 | + 4.3 | - 0.3 |
| Local | 199.2 | 198.4 | 194.5 | + 0.8 | + 4.7 |

*** Preliminary** ****Revised**

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept. '93* | Aug. '93** | Sept. '92** | Sept. '93* | Aug. '93** | Sept. '92** | Sept. '93* | Aug. '93** | Sept. '92** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $551.62 | $535.94 | $522.83 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 42.3 | $13.01 | $12.67 | $12.36 |
| Durable Goods | 492.88 | 481.43 | 457.88 | 42.6 | 43.1 | 41.4 | 11.57 | 11.17 | 11.06 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 403.40 | 405.90 | 388.00 | 43.8 | 45.2 | 43.4 | 9.21 | 8.98 | 8.94 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 494.81 | 501.42 | 479.97 | 42.4 | 44.1 | 41.7 | 11.67 | 11.37 | 11.51 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 475.88 | 449.19 | 446.35 | 44.6 | 43.4 | 40.8 | 10.67 | 10.35 | 10.94 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 505.25 | 507.56 | 451.13 | 45.6 | 46.1 | 42.6 | 11.08 | 11.01 | 10.59 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 730.50 | 696.17 | 631.63 | 37.5 | 43.0 | 39.7 | 19.48 | 16.19 | 15.91 |
| Transportation Equipment | 529.18 | 507.83 | 480.00 | 40.8 | 40.4 | 39.9 | 12.97 | 12.57 | 12.03 |
| Nondurable Goods | 600.08 | 582.55 | 578.40 | 42.2 | 41.7 | 43.1 | 14.22 | 13.97 | 13.42 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 326.70 | 319.87 | 334.15 | 39.6 | 38.4 | 41.0 | 8.25 | 8.33 | 8.15 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 214.70 | 209.49 | 231.14 | 33.6 | 33.2 | 36.4 | 6.39 | 6.31 | 6.35 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 655.32 | 615.49 | 641.27 | 41.9 | 41.7 | 43.3 | 15.64 | 14.76 | 14.81 |
| Printing & Publishing | 454.69 | 453.50 | 439.96 | 38.5 | 38.4 | 38.9 | 11.81 | 11.81 | 11.31 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 882.82 | 860.12 | 858.23 | 46.1 | 45.8 | 47.6 | 19.15 | 18.78 | 18.03 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 1,000.66 | 918.92 | 912.50 | 49.1 | 46.2 | 47.7 | 20.38 | 19.89 | 19.13 |
| Petroleum Refining | 1,028.94 | 944.98 | 938.40 | 49.9 | 46.3 | 48.0 | 20.62 | 20.41 | 19.55 |
| **MINING** | 632.26 | 608.75 | 626.78 | 50.1 | 48.7 | 47.7 | 12.62 | 12.50 | 13.14 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 586.04 | 590.20 | 627.13 | 41.8 | 41.1 | 43.4 | 14.02 | 14.36 | 14.45 |
| **BANKING** | 320.92 | 331.43 | 299.29 | 37.8 | 38.9 | 35.8 | 8.49 | 8.52 | 8.36 |

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **136,100** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **80,300** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept. '93* | Aug. '93** | Sept. '92** | Sept. '93* | Aug. '93** | Sept. '92** | Sept. '93* | Aug. '93** | Sept. '92** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $665.54 | $652.74 | $657.40 | 42.8 | 43.4 | 44.6 | $15.55 | $15.04 | $14.74 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 908.75 | 890.01 | 899.08 | 46.2 | 46.5 | 47.9 | 19.67 | 19.14 | 18.77 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $526.03 | $510.66 | $489.50 | 41.0 | 40.4 | 41.1 | $12.83 | $12.64 | $11.91 |
| Durable Goods | 426.60 | 417.88 | 411.65 | 39.5 | 38.8 | 40.2 | 10.80 | 10.77 | 10.24 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 509.40 | 485.32 | 459.11 | 45.2 | 44.2 | 46.8 | 11.27 | 10.98 | 9.81 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 472.95 | 431.10 | 427.66 | 45.0 | 42.1 | 41.2 | 10.51 | 10.24 | 10.38 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 368.00 | 365.00 | 371.04 | 36.8 | 36.5 | 37.9 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 9.79 |
| Nondurable Goods | 616.50 | 593.98 | 566.16 | 42.4 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 14.54 | 14.21 | 13.48 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 412.55 | 380.57 | 350.45 | 42.4 | 40.4 | 39.2 | 9.73 | 9.42 | 8.94 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 182.91 | 165.79 | 182.74 | 31.7 | 31.7 | 32.4 | 5.77 | 5.23 | 5.64 |
| Printing & Publishing | 464.84 | 445.83 | 456.50 | 41.1 | 39.7 | 41.5 | 11.31 | 11.23 | 11.00 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 1,016.89 | 927.77 | 882.96 | 47.1 | 47.7 | 49.3 | 21.59 | 19.45 | 17.91 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **29,900** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $638.15 | $605.17 | $573.01 | 42.6 | 43.6 | 39.6 | $14.98 | $13.88 | $14.47 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 347.63 | 353.58 | 348.13 | 43.4 | 44.7 | 43.3 | 8.01 | 7.91 | 8.04 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 392.32 | 338.39 | 370.55 | 36.7 | 32.6 | 36.4 | 10.69 | 10.38 | 10.18 |
| Printing and Publishing | 373.92 | 434.01 | 360.43 | 38.0 | 40.6 | 37.9 | 9.84 | 10.69 | 9.51 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 712.78 | 611.89 | 662.70 | 45.4 | 43.0 | 47.0 | 15.70 | 14.23 | 14.10 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **12,900** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| (in thousands) | PRELIMINARY Sept., 1993 | | | | REVISED Aug., 1993 | | | | REVISED Sept., 1992 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE |
| **LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)** | 1,839.9 | 1,712.9 | 127.0 | 6.9 | 1,871.7 | 1,733.3 | 138.4 | 7.4 | 1,909.5 | 1,750.9 | 158.6 | 8.3 |
| **LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)** | 1,839.2 | 1,717.0 | 122.2 | 6.6 | 1,880.0 | 1,738.8 | 141.2 | 7.5 | 1,909.5 | 1,756.4 | 153.1 | 8.0 |
| **METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria 1/ | 55.8 | 52.3 | 3.5 | 6.2 | 57.2 | 53.3 | 3.9 | 6.8 | 57.3 | 53.3 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| Baton Rouge 2/ | 273.2 | 255.8 | 17.4 | 6.4 | 278.5 | 258.8 | 19.7 | 7.1 | 279.9 | 261.8 | 18.1 | 6.5 |
| Houma - Thibodaux 3/ | 66.2 | 62.0 | 4.2 | 6.3 | 67.4 | 62.5 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 69.3 | 62.7 | 6.6 | 9.5 |
| Lafayette 4/ | 102.1 | 97.0 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 104.4 | 98.6 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 107.0 | 99.5 | 7.5 | 7.0 |
| Lake Charles 5/ | 79.8 | 74.6 | 5.2 | 6.5 | 80.9 | 75.0 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 82.5 | 75.0 | 7.5 | 9.1 |
| Monroe 6/ | 66.7 | 62.8 | 3.9 | 5.9 | 67.0 | 62.7 | 4.3 | 6.5 | 69.7 | 65.0 | 4.7 | 6.7 |
| New Orleans 7/ | 547.5 | 511.3 | 36.2 | 6.6 | 558.0 | 517.0 | 41.0 | 7.4 | 571.6 | 529.4 | 42.2 | 7.4 |
| Shreveport 8/ | 152.8 | 143.8 | 9.0 | 5.9 | 156.8 | 146.6 | 10.2 | 6.5 | 156.0 | 145.3 | 10.7 | 6.9 |

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1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| September 1993 | 145.1 | + 0.2 | + 2.7 |
| September 1992 | 141.3 | + 0.3 | + 3.0 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| AREA | PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 93 |  |  |  | REVISED AUGUST 93 |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE |
| CROWLEY (ACADIA) | 20,275 | 18,700 | 1,575 | 7.7 | 21,000 | 19,125 | 1,875 | 8.9 |
| OAKDALE (ALLEN) | 9,425 | 8,675 | 750 | 7.9 | 9,650 | 8,700 | 950 | 9.7 |
| NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION) | 5,650 | 4,950 | 700 | 12.6 | 5,850 | 5,000 | 850 | 14.5 |
| BUNKIE (AVOYELLES) | 15,800 | 14,550 | 1,250 | 7.9 | 15,625 | 14,100 | 1,525 | 9.8 |
| DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD) | 13,675 | 12,725 | 950 | 6.9 | 13,875 | 12,775 | 1,100 | 7.9 |
| ARCADIA (BIENVILLE) | 6,775 | 6,375 | 400 | 6.0 | 7,050 | 6,550 | 500 | 7.0 |
| COLUMBIA (CALDWELL) | 4,175 | 3,850 | 325 | 7.9 | 4,300 | 3,925 | 375 | 9.0 |
| CAMERON (CAMERON) | 3,925 | 3,775 | 150 | 3.7 | 4,000 | 3,850 | 150 | 3.9 |
| JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA) | 3,725 | 3,375 | 350 | 9.5 | 3,900 | 3,500 | 400 | 10.4 |
| HOMER (CLAIBORNE) | 6,625 | 6,275 | 350 | 5.2 | 6,825 | 6,400 | 425 | 6.3 |
| FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA) | 7,950 | 7,175 | 775 | 9.7 | 8,225 | 7,325 | 900 | 11.1 |
| MANSFIELD (DESOTO) | 10,425 | 9,675 | 750 | 7.3 | 10,675 | 9,800 | 875 | 8.1 |
| LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL) | 3,475 | 3,150 | 325 | 9.2 | 3,725 | 3,250 | 475 | 13.0 |
| CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA) | 6,800 | 6,300 | 500 | 7.4 | 7,050 | 6,425 | 625 | 8.8 |
| VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE) | 14,100 | 13,400 | 700 | 5.0 | 14,625 | 13,750 | 875 | 6.0 |
| WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN) | 9,675 | 8,950 | 725 | 7.6 | 10,100 | 9,225 | 875 | 8.8 |
| COLFAX (GRANT) | 6,350 | 5,925 | 425 | 6.8 | 6,525 | 6,000 | 525 | 7.9 |
| NEW IBERIA (IBERIA) | 25,150 | 23,400 | 1,750 | 7.0 | 25,950 | 23,825 | 2,125 | 8.2 |
| PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE) | 11,475 | 10,250 | 1,225 | 10.7 | 11,875 | 10,450 | 1,425 | 12.0 |
| JONESBORO (JACKSON) | 6,350 | 6,025 | 325 | 5.2 | 6,700 | 6,300 | 400 | 5.9 |
| JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS) | 10,425 | 9,625 | 800 | 7.6 | 11,100 | 10,075 | 1,025 | 9.2 |
| JENA (LASALLE) | 5,825 | 5,350 | 475 | 8.1 | 6,050 | 5,475 | 575 | 9.4 |
| RUSTON (LINCOLN) | 20,050 | 19,350 | 700 | 3.5 | 19,125 | 18,375 | 750 | 3.9 |
| TALLULAH (MADISON) | 5,450 | 4,975 | 475 | 8.9 | 5,775 | 5,125 | 650 | 11.5 |
| BASTROP (MOREHOUSE) | 12,850 | 11,850 | 1,000 | 7.7 | 13,450 | 12,150 | 1,300 | 9.7 |
| NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES) | 16,100 | 15,075 | 1,025 | 6.4 | 16,375 | 15,200 | 1,175 | 7.2 |
| POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.) | 7,775 | 7,150 | 625 | 8.0 | 8,050 | 7,300 | 750 | 9.3 |
| NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE) | 6,500 | 5,725 | 775 | 12.0 | 6,850 | 5,900 | 950 | 14.0 |
| COUSHATTA (RED RIVER) | 3,875 | 3,575 | 300 | 7.9 | 4,000 | 3,675 | 325 | 8.2 |
| RAYVILLE (RICHLAND) | 7,775 | 7,125 | 650 | 8.3 | 8,075 | 7,300 | 775 | 9.5 |
| MANY (SABINE) | 10,350 | 9,775 | 575 | 5.6 | 10,675 | 10,000 | 675 | 6.3 |
| GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA) | 2,525 | 2,325 | 200 | 7.9 | 2,675 | 2,425 | 250 | 9.1 |
| LUTCHER (ST. JAMES) | 7,650 | 6,675 | 975 | 12.7 | 8,025 | 6,800 | 1,225 | 15.1 |
| OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY) | 30,325 | 27,925 | 2,400 | 7.9 | 31,400 | 28,525 | 2,875 | 9.2 |
| MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY) | 20,825 | 19,075 | 1,750 | 8.4 | 21,675 | 19,500 | 2,175 | 10.1 |
| HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA) | 40,275 | 36,825 | 3,450 | 8.6 | 41,150 | 37,000 | 4,150 | 10.1 |
| ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS) | 2,325 | 2,175 | 150 | 6.4 | 2,425 | 2,250 | 175 | 6.9 |
| FARMERVILLE (UNION) | 10,125 | 9,600 | 525 | 5.1 | 10,375 | 9,725 | 650 | 6.2 |
| ABBEVILLE (VERMILION) | 17,200 | 16,050 | 1,150 | 6.7 | 17,675 | 16,300 | 1,375 | 7.8 |
| LEESVILLE (VERNON) | 18,175 | 16,650 | 1,525 | 8.4 | 18,725 | 16,975 | 1,750 | 9.3 |
| BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON) | 16,950 | 15,625 | 1,325 | 7.9 | 17,550 | 16,025 | 1,525 | 8.6 |
| MINDEN (WEBSTER) | 16,100 | 14,600 | 1,500 | 9.3 | 16,825 | 15,050 | 1,775 | 10.6 |
| OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL) | 4,275 | 3,775 | 500 | 11.6 | 4,275 | 3,575 | 700 | 16.2 |
| ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.) | 4,225 | 3,950 | 275 | 6.6 | 4,475 | 4,100 | 375 | 8.4 |
| WINNFIELD (WINN) | 5,350 | 5,075 | 275 | 5.3 | 5,500 | 5,200 | 300 | 5.3 |

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

## ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1993* | Aug. 1993** | Sept. 1992** | Net Change From Aug. 1993 | Net Change From Sept. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 48.5 | 48.1 | 47.5 | + 0.4 | + 1.0 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| MINING | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 41.8 | 41.4 | 41.1 | + 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.6 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 13.5 | 13.6 | 13.5 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Health Services | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.0 | 12.6 | 12.8 | + 0.4 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 10.6 | 10.2 | 10.3 | + 0.4 | + 0.3 |
| State | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.4 | + 0.4 | + 0.3 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 48,500 for the current month. This estimate was 400 more than last month and 1,000 more than September, 1992.

Employment in the goods producing industry for the current month was estimated at 6,700. Construction declined by 100 as a result of less business in both heavy and special trade contractors. Manufacturing edged up slightly to 3,400.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 41,800. As a result of the new school year, employment from August increased by a total of 400, with the largest increase centered in local government. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment increased by 100, due to more business activity in the trucking industry. Staff cutbacks at a local hospital caused the services sector to decline to 13,500.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1993* | Aug. 1993** | Sept. 1992** | Net Change From Aug. 1993 | Net Change From Sept. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 251.8 | 249.6 | 251.1 | + 2.2 | + 0.7 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 54.2 | 54.1 | 55.4 | + 0.1 | - 1.2 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30.1 | 29.9 | 30.9 | + 0.2 | - 0.8 |
| MANUFACTURING | 23.2 | 23.3 | 23.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Durable Goods | 5.5 | 5.6 | 6.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 197.6 | 195.5 | 195.7 | + 2.1 | + 1.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.6 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 54.4 | 54.7 | 53.9 | - 0.3 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 40.9 | 41.2 | 40.4 | - 0.3 | + 0.5 |
| General Merchandise | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.4 | 14.3 | 14.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 59.7 | 59.7 | 58.8 | 0 | + 0.9 |
| GOVERNMENT | 57.4 | 55.0 | 57.1 | + 2.4 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 54.7 | 52.3 | 54.4 | + 2.4 | + 0.3 |
| State | 30.7 | 28.4 | 30.6 | + 2.3 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 24.0 | 23.9 | 23.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |

# BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA rebounded over the month to a level of 251,800, aided by strong seasonal advances in government. This was the highest level since November, 1992. The overall yearly gain of 700 was centered mainly in the retail trade and health services segments.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 54,200, an increase of 100 from August, but 1,200 less than the year-ago level. Improved business activity in heavy construction was solely responsible for the increase in the construction sector. Manufacturing continued to move downward in September as a result of less business in the fabricated metal industry.

Service producing employment increased by 2,100 to 197,600 for September. The largest gain occurred in government due to the return of students and faculty to local and state educational institutions. Finance, insurance, and real estate was the only other sector reporting job gains, influenced by additional hires in the insurance industry. Transportation, communications, and public utilities declined to 11,700, triggered by losses scattered throughout the sector. Seasonal dismissals in retail general merchandise stores and a labor dispute at a large retail grocery store chain caused a downward shift in the trade sector.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,700 production workers in all manufacturing was $665.54 for September, an increase of $12.80. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up by $8.14. Average weekly hours, at 42.8, decreased by 0.6 hours in September, while average hourly earnings increased by $0.51 an hour. The increase of higher paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 273,200. This figure was comprised of 255,800 employed and 17,400 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 6.4 percent in September.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,736 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,528 referrals to current openings resulted in 165 placements during the month of September.

# HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1993* | Aug. 1993** | Sept. 1992** | Net Change From Aug. 1993 | Net Change From Sept. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 58.5 | 58.3 | 57.4 | + 0.2 | + 1.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 12.9 | 12.7 | 12.4 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| MINING | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 45.6 | 45.6 | 45.0 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 14.6 | 15.0 | 14.7 | - 0.4 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.1 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 11.8 | 12.0 | 11.6 | - 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 11.3 | 11.5 | 11.0 | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 11.9 | 11.2 | 11.6 | + 0.7 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.5 | 10.8 | 11.1 | + 0.7 | + 0.4 |
| State | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.4 | + 0.6 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 8.2 | 8.1 | 7.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA was estimated at 58,500 in September. This was 200 more than the August revised estimate and 1,100 above September, 1992.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 12,900, was 200 above last month and 500 higher than the year-ago figure. Mining employment was down in the oil and gas field services sector. Construction rose by 100 for September. Manufacturing employment increased by 200 over the month, shared equally by durable and nondurable goods.

Service producing employment was estimated at 45,600 for September. This figure was unchanged from August, but exhibited a gain of 600 from a year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment decreased due to declines spread throughout the industry. Trade employment was down due to less business in both wholesale and retail trade. Services edged downward from the revised level of 11,500 to 11,300. Government was boosted by the beginning of the fall term in the state and local education sectors.

Estimated unemployment was 4,200 in September. Unemployment presently comprises 6.3 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 685.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1993* | Aug. 1993** | Sept. 1992** | Net Change From Aug. 1993 | Net Change From Sept. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 101.5 | 101.3 | 100.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 25.6 | 25.3 | 25.4 | + 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| MINING | 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.6 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 75.9 | 76.0 | 75.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.0 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 26.5 | 26.3 | 26.5 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 20.1 | 19.9 | 20.0 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| General Merchandise | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 25.7 | 25.9 | 25.1 | - 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.7 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Federal | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.8 | + 0.5 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 8.0 | 8.5 | 8.0 | - 0.5 | 0 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 101,500 in September, was up by 200 from the August revised estimate of 101,300.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 25,600, a gain of 300 from the August estimate of 25,300. Mining, construction, and manufacturing were all up by 100 in September.

Service producing employment was estimated at 75,900 for September. This was 100 less than August, but 600 higher that September, 1992. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was down by 100 mostly due to the trucking industry. Trade rose by 200 due to growth in food stores and miscellaneous retail. Services declined by 200 due to a seasonal drop in the amusement and recreational services sector.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1993* | Aug. 1993** | Sept. 1992** | Net Change From Aug. 1993 | Net Change From Sept. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 73.4 | 72.4 | 71.5 | + 1.0 | + 1.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 21.6 | 21.0 | 20.3 | + 0.6 | + 1.3 |
| MINING | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 9.7 | 9.2 | 8.5 | + 0.5 | + 1.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 51.8 | 51.4 | 51.2 | + 0.4 | + 0.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.6 | 16.3 | 16.1 | + 0.3 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.0 | 12.8 | 12.6 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 15.4 | 15.3 | 15.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.8 | 11.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| State | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.8 | + 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| Local | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 73,400 in September. This estimate was 1,000 above the August revised estimate and 1,900 above September of last year.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 21,600 in September. This was 600 above August and 1,300 higher than September, 1992. Mining increased by 100 over the month. Construction employment was higher, mainly due to hiring in the special trade contractors sector. Manufacturing payrolls held steady over the month.

Service producing employment, estimated at 51,800, was 400 employees higher than August and 600 above the year-ago figure. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down by 100 as a result of less business at the port facilities. Trade employment was up in the retail sector, with most of this increase in general merchandise, and apparel and accessories stores. Services had a small increase of 100 over August. Government employment increased by 100. Within the industry, state government was up by 300 at the colleges and universities, and local government was down by 200 in the local, except education segment.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1993* | Aug. 1993** | Sept. 1992** | Net Change From Aug. 1993 | Net Change From Sept. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.3 | 60.2 | 61.5 | + 1.1 | - 0.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 12.1 | 11.7 | 12.0 | + 0.4 | + 0.1 |
| MINING | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.0 | 7.8 | 8.1 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.7 | 5.6 | 6.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 49.2 | 48.5 | 49.5 | + 0.7 | - 0.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 15.0 | 15.0 | 14.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 11.8 | 11.1 | 12.5 | + 0.7 | - 0.7 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.3 | 10.6 | 12.0 | + 0.7 | - 0.7 |
| State | 4.4 | 3.5 | 5.0 | + 0.9 | - 0.6 |
| Local | 6.9 | 7.1 | 7.0 | - 0.2 | - 0.1 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 61,300 in September. This was 1,100 more than the August revised estimate, but 200 less than the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 12,100, showed increases of 400 compared to August and 100 compared to September of last year. Mining remained stable over the month. Construction rose by 200 over the month, as well as over the year. Manufacturing employment, at 8,000, was 200 higher than August, but 100 less than one year ago.

Service producing employment was estimated at 49,200 for September. This was 700 more than August, but 300 less than September, 1992. The only over-the-month gain was in government, reflecting the beginning of the fall semester at state educational facilities. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

# NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1993* | Aug. 1993** | Sept. 1992** | Net Change From Aug. 1993 | Net Change From Sept. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 537.3 | 532.8 | 538.2 | + 4.5 | - 0.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 78.1 | 78.2 | 81.8 | - 0.1 | - 3.7 |
| MINING | 12.4 | 12.5 | 13.7 | - 0.1 | - 1.3 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 12.0 | 12.1 | 13.3 | - 0.1 | - 1.3 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 23.1 | 22.9 | 23.5 | + 0.2 | - 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 42.6 | 42.8 | 44.6 | - 0.2 | - 2.0 |
| Durable Goods | 21.0 | 21.2 | 22.8 | - 0.2 | - 1.8 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 11.8 | 11.8 | 13.2 | 0 | - 1.4 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.3 | 9.2 | 10.2 | + 0.1 | - 0.9 |
| Other Durable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 21.6 | 21.6 | 21.8 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 459.2 | 454.6 | 456.4 | + 4.6 | + 2.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 39.7 | 39.5 | 40.4 | + 0.2 | - 0.7 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 10.5 | 10.4 | 11.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 136.1 | 136.6 | 137.2 | - 0.5 | - 1.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 32.2 | 32.1 | 31.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.2 | 17.3 | 17.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.0 | 14.8 | 14.6 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 103.9 | 104.5 | 105.5 | - 0.6 | - 1.6 |
| General Merchandise | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.5 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| Food Stores | 20.1 | 20.4 | 21.0 | - 0.3 | - 0.9 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 38.0 | 38.1 | 37.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 29.0 | 28.9 | 29.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Banking | 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.9 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 158.9 | 155.0 | 156.8 | + 3.9 | + 2.1 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.5 | 13.3 | 13.5 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Health Services | 45.9 | 46.1 | 45.5 | - 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Educational Services | 16.9 | 12.7 | 17.2 | + 4.2 | - 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 95.5 | 94.6 | 93.0 | + 0.9 | + 2.5 |
| Federal | 16.5 | 16.6 | 16.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 79.0 | 78.0 | 76.4 | + 1.0 | + 2.6 |
| State | 20.4 | 20.1 | 21.3 | + 0.3 | - 0.9 |
| Local | 58.6 | 57.9 | 55.1 | + 0.7 | + 3.5 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The New Orleans MSA nonagricultural employment in September was estimated at 537,300. This was an increase of 4,500 from the August revised estimate, but 900 less than September, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 78,100 in September. This was 100 less than August and 3,700 lower than September one year ago. Mining was down by 100 over the month in the oil and gas extraction sector. Growth in the construction segment was attributed to small increases in the heavy and special trade contractors sectors. Manufacturing employment exhibited a loss in the stone, clay, and glass products; and machinery and electrical equipment durable goods segments.

Service producing employment, estimated at 459,200, was 4,600 above August and 2,800 higher than the year-ago figure. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was higher due to small increases in both the water and air transportation segments. Trade employment was lower mainly due to food stores in the retail trade sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate payrolls gained 100 over the month, mainly in the real estate and insurance sectors. The seasonal increase in educational services boosted services employment in September. Increases in local education payrolls resulted in most of the total government growth in September.

An estimated 29,900 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $526.03 per week, up $15.37 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.0, up 0.6 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $12.83, up $0.19 from August and $0.92 higher than September of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 36,200 for September. The unemployment rate registered 6.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 7,616.

## SHREVEPORT AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept. 1993* | Aug. 1993** | Sept. 1992** | Aug. 1993 | Sept. 1992 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 140.9 | 140.9 | 139.1 | 0 | + 1.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 26.8 | 26.8 | 26.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| MINING | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 17.3 | 17.2 | 17.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Other Durable Goods | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 114.1 | 114.1 | 112.4 | 0 | + 1.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 7.8 | 7.9 | 8.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 34.4 | 34.4 | 33.0 | 0 | + 1.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 25.9 | 25.9 | 24.6 | 0 | + 1.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| SERVICES | 37.1 | 37.3 | 37.1 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 28.2 | 27.9 | 28.0 | + 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 23.1 | 22.8 | 23.0 | + 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| State | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 15.4 | 15.1 | 15.2 | + 0.3 | + 0.2 |

# SHREVEPORT AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport MSA showed no change from the August, 1993 revised estimate of 140,900. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport MSA was up by 1,800 jobs.

Goods producing employment was unchanged from the August figure of 26,800. Mining was down slightly by 100; while manufacturing showed a minimal gain of 100.

Service producing employment was unchanged from last month's figure of 114,100. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was down by 100 due to losses in the communications and public utilities sector. Services declined by 200 due to a drop in the membership sports and recreation clubs industry. Government rose by 300 primarily due to a seasonal increase in the local education sector.

An estimated 12,900 production workers in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $638.15 in September, compared to $605.17 in August, and $573.01 a year ago. Average weekly hours decreased to 42.6 in September, down from August's figure of 43.6, but up from the September, 1992 figure of 39.6 hours. Average hourly earnings increased to $14.98, up from $13.88 the previous month and $14.47 a year ago.

The Shreveport MSA had a civilian labor force in September of 152,800, including 143,800 employed and 9,000 unemployed. The unemployment rate was 5.9 percent.

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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in October was estimated at 1,646,700, an increase of 5,500 from the September revised figure and 15,400 more than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 333,400, was 2,800 higher than last month, but 2,000 below October one year ago. Mining remained unchanged over the month. Construction payrolls were higher in each segment of the industry, with heavy construction leading the increase. Manufacturing was higher mainly due to seasonal increases throughout the food and kindred products nondurable goods segment.

Service producing employment increased to 1,313,300 over the month. This was 2,700 higher than September and 17,400 above the year-ago figure. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment, at 104,400, was unchanged over the month. Growth in the miscellaneous retail sector was mainly responsible for the increase in trade employment. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment increased by 100 over the month. Services was up mainly due to a seasonal increase in the educational services segment. Government employment was higher in October at the state's educational facilities.

Average weekly earnings for Louisiana's 137,000 production workers in manufacturing increased from $548.18 in September to $552.08 in October, an increase of $3.90. Also, there was an increase of $21.41 from October of last year. Average hourly earnings were $12.75 in October. This estimate was $0.24 lower than September, but $0.38 higher than October, 1992. Average weekly hours for October were 43.3, an increase of 1.1 hours from the September revised level of 42.2 hours.

The October preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.5 percent, an increase from the September revised rate of 6.9 percent. The national unemployment rate for October was 6.8 percent, a slight increase from the September rate of 6.7 percent. Total unemployment for October increased to 139,900. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,866,700, with an increase in total employment to 1,726,800.

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## LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | Oct. 1993* | Sept. 1993** | Oct. 1992** | Net Change From Sept. 1993 | Net Change From Oct. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (3)** | 1,646.7 | 1,641.2 | 1,641.3 | + 5.5 | + 5.4 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 333.4 | 330.6 | 335.4 | + 2.8 | - 2.0 |
| MINING | 43.5 | 43.5 | 44.5 | 0 | - 1.0 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 41.7 | 41.7 | 42.7 | 0 | - 1.0 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 102.4 | 100.6 | 102.7 | + 1.8 | - 0.3 |
| General Contractors | 19.2 | 19.1 | 19.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 40.5 | 39.1 | 40.5 | + 1.4 | 0 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 42.7 | 42.4 | 42.8 | + 0.3 | - 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 187.5 | 186.5 | 188.2 | + 1.0 | - 0.7 |
| Durable Goods | 80.7 | 80.6 | 80.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 14.5 | 14.6 | 14.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.6 | 21.4 | 21.7 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.8 | 105.9 | 107.9 | + 0.9 | - 1.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 23.4 | 22.2 | 23.4 | + 1.2 | 0 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.6 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.3 | 30.4 | 30.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING (3)** | 1,313.3 | 1,310.6 | 1,305.9 | + 2.7 | + 7.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 104.4 | 104.4 | 105.7 | 0 | - 1.3 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 61.6 | 61.3 | 62.0 | + 0.3 | - 0.4 |
| Water Transportation | 23.2 | 23.3 | 23.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.9 | 38.2 | 38.6 | - 0.3 | - 0.7 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.6 | 15.7 | 15.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 22.3 | 22.5 | 22.7 | - 0.2 | - 0.4 |

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## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct. 1993* | Sept. 1993** | Oct. 1992** | Sept. 1993 | Oct. 1992 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 381.9 | 380.7 | 381.0 | + 1.2 | + 0.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 86.7 | 86.7 | 86.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.2 | 47.3 | 47.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 39.5 | 39.4 | 39.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 295.2 | 294.0 | 294.5 | + 1.2 | + 0.7 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| General Merchandise | 39.8 | 39.7 | 39.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Food Stores | 59.4 | 59.2 | 59.5 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 31.4 | 31.5 | 31.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 15.6 | 15.5 | 15.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 95.8 | 95.8 | 95.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Retail Trade | 32.3 | 31.4 | 31.6 | + 0.9 | + 0.7 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 76.9 | 76.8 | 77.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.7 |
| Banking | 27.4 | 27.3 | 27.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Insurance | 26.0 | 26.1 | 26.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.7 |
| SERVICES | 402.3 | 401.4 | 400.2 | + 0.9 | + 2.1 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 21.6 | 21.6 | 21.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Personal Services | 14.0 | 13.9 | 13.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Business Services | 64.7 | 64.5 | 65.0 | + 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 14.7 | 15.2 | 14.6 | - 0.5 | + 0.1 |
| Health Services | 134.6 | 134.7 | 134.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Hospitals | 58.6 | 58.7 | 58.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Legal Services | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Educational Services | 28.6 | 27.4 | 26.9 | + 1.2 | + 1.7 |
| Social Services | 24.8 | 24.7 | 24.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.4 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 28.0 | 27.9 | 27.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT (3) | 347.8 | 347.3 | 341.4 | + 0.5 | + 6.4 |
| Federal | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local (3) | 310.3 | 309.8 | 303.9 | + 0.5 | + 6.4 |
| State (3) | 111.0 | 109.9 | 110.1 | + 1.1 | + 0.9 |
| Local | 199.3 | 199.9 | 193.8 | - 0.6 | + 5.5 |

*** Preliminary** ****Revised**

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

**(3) Per ERRATA page for data released on November 29, 1993.**

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct. '93* | Sept. '93** | Oct. '92** | Oct. '93* | Sept. '93** | Oct. '92** | Oct. '93* | Sept. '93** | Oct. '92** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $552.08 | $548.18 | $530.67 | 43.3 | 42.2 | 42.9 | $12.75 | $12.99 | $12.37 |
| Durable Goods | 497.25 | 492.46 | 469.69 | 44.2 | 42.6 | 42.2 | 11.25 | 11.56 | 11.13 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 419.02 | 403.99 | 392.84 | 46.3 | 44.2 | 43.6 | 9.05 | 9.14 | 9.01 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 464.13 | 492.17 | 460.22 | 44.8 | 44.3 | 42.3 | 10.36 | 11.11 | 10.88 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 467.81 | 473.93 | 477.22 | 44.3 | 43.4 | 42.8 | 10.56 | 10.92 | 11.15 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 514.94 | 503.94 | 479.90 | 46.1 | 45.4 | 44.6 | 11.17 | 11.10 | 10.76 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 692.03 | 727.88 | 713.81 | 42.3 | 37.5 | 43.9 | 16.36 | 19.41 | 16.26 |
| Transportation Equipment | 552.10 | 529.18 | 471.97 | 43.2 | 40.8 | 39.2 | 12.78 | 12.97 | 12.04 |
| Nondurable Goods | 597.25 | 594.56 | 579.82 | 42.6 | 41.9 | 43.4 | 14.02 | 14.19 | 13.36 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 330.04 | 323.87 | 340.94 | 40.2 | 39.4 | 42.3 | 8.21 | 8.22 | 8.06 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 206.68 | 212.76 | 237.51 | 32.6 | 33.4 | 37.7 | 6.34 | 6.37 | 6.30 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 639.26 | 628.28 | 629.73 | 41.7 | 40.3 | 43.4 | 15.33 | 15.59 | 14.51 |
| Printing & Publishing | 444.27 | 457.86 | 432.06 | 38.2 | 39.0 | 38.0 | 11.63 | 11.74 | 11.37 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 850.84 | 880.44 | 834.44 | 44.5 | 46.0 | 46.0 | 19.12 | 19.14 | 18.14 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 1,135.86 | 1,020.02 | 982.03 | 55.3 | 49.3 | 49.9 | 20.54 | 20.69 | 19.68 |
| Petroleum Refining | 1,172.17 | 1,052.60 | 1,020.08 | 56.3 | 50.1 | 50.7 | 20.82 | 21.01 | 20.12 |
| **MINING** | 629.24 | 631.24 | 617.91 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 47.9 | 12.61 | 12.65 | 12.90 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 586.67 | 587.55 | 568.15 | 40.6 | 41.7 | 41.2 | 14.45 | 14.09 | 13.79 |
| **BANKING** | 325.62 | 320.17 | 295.87 | 37.6 | 37.8 | 36.8 | 8.66 | 8.47 | 8.04 |

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **137,000** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **80,100** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct. '93* | Sept. '93** | Oct. '92** | Oct. '93* | Sept. '93** | Oct. '92** | Oct. '93* | Sept. '93** | Oct. '92** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $655.94 | $667.49 | $650.50 | 43.7 | 43.4 | 44.8 | $15.01 | $15.38 | $14.52 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 902.30 | 918.09 | 895.77 | 46.8 | 47.3 | 47.8 | 19.28 | 19.41 | 18.74 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

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## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $568.98 | $530.66 | $498.54 | 43.6 | 41.2 | 41.1 | $13.05 | $12.88 | $12.13 |
| Durable Goods | 449.35 | 427.17 | 405.33 | 41.8 | 39.7 | 39.2 | 10.75 | 10.76 | 10.34 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 452.30 | 509.40 | 454.35 | 44.3 | 45.2 | 44.5 | 10.21 | 11.27 | 10.21 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 459.65 | 472.48 | 417.56 | 44.8 | 45.3 | 40.5 | 10.26 | 10.43 | 10.31 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 398.34 | 368.00 | 355.22 | 40.4 | 36.8 | 36.1 | 9.86 | 10.00 | 9.84 |
| Nondurable Goods | 677.10 | 624.94 | 588.16 | 45.2 | 42.6 | 42.9 | 14.98 | 14.67 | 13.71 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 393.57 | 412.98 | 381.07 | 40.7 | 42.4 | 40.8 | 9.67 | 9.74 | 9.34 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 180.60 | 181.96 | 189.39 | 29.9 | 31.7 | 35.4 | 6.04 | 5.74 | 5.35 |
| Printing & Publishing | 478.92 | 481.50 | 470.35 | 41.9 | 42.8 | 40.9 | 11.43 | 11.25 | 11.50 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 977.86 | 1,022.92 | 904.93 | 46.3 | 47.8 | 48.6 | 21.12 | 21.40 | 18.62 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **30,100** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

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## SHREVEPORT AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $619.54 | $640.72 | $582.20 | 44.7 | 42.8 | 41.0 | $13.86 | $14.97 | $14.20 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 339.83 | 347.63 | 331.27 | 41.8 | 43.4 | 40.3 | 8.13 | 8.01 | 8.22 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 418.00 | 392.32 | 392.92 | 38.0 | 36.7 | 38.0 | 11.00 | 10.69 | 10.34 |
| Printing and Publishing | 363.38 | 379.55 | 350.53 | 37.5 | 38.3 | 35.3 | 9.69 | 9.91 | 9.93 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 629.75 | 712.78 | 683.76 | 44.1 | 45.4 | 46.2 | 14.28 | 15.70 | 14.80 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **12,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

|  | PRELIMINARY Oct., 1993 |  |  |  | REVISED Sept., 1993 |  |  |  | REVISED Oct., 1992 |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (in thousands) | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE |
| **LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)** | 1,866.7 | 1,726.8 | 139.9 | 7.5 | 1,841.0 | 1,714.1 | 126.9 | 6.9 | 1,907.7 | 1,756.8 | 150.9 | 7.9 |
| **LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)** | 1,873.1 | 1,742.0 | 131.1 | 7.0 | 1,840.3 | 1,718.1 | 122.2 | 6.6 | 1,914.6 | 1,773.6 | 141.0 | 7.4 |
| **METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alexandria 1/ | 57.2 | 53.5 | 3.7 | 6.4 | 55.9 | 52.5 | 3.4 | 6.1 | 57.7 | 54.0 | 3.7 | 6.4 |
| Baton Rouge 2/ | 277.6 | 259.3 | 18.3 | 6.6 | 272.6 | 255.3 | 17.3 | 6.4 | 281.4 | 264.1 | 17.3 | 6.2 |
| Houma - Thibodaux 3/ | 67.9 | 63.6 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 66.6 | 62.4 | 4.2 | 6.3 | 69.8 | 63.8 | 6.0 | 8.7 |
| Lafayette 4/ | 104.5 | 98.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 102.3 | 97.2 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 107.2 | 100.4 | 6.8 | 6.4 |
| Lake Charles 5/ | 80.9 | 75.2 | 5.7 | 7.0 | 79.7 | 74.6 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 82.2 | 75.3 | 6.9 | 8.4 |
| Monroe 6/ | 68.1 | 63.7 | 4.4 | 6.5 | 66.7 | 62.8 | 3.9 | 5.9 | 69.9 | 65.5 | 4.4 | 6.3 |
| New Orleans 7/ | 555.7 | 517.4 | 38.3 | 6.9 | 548.3 | 511.9 | 36.4 | 6.6 | 572.4 | 533.8 | 38.6 | 6.7 |
| Shreveport 8/ | 156.4 | 146.4 | 10.0 | 6.4 | 153.1 | 144.0 | 9.1 | 5.9 | 157.3 | 147.2 | 10.1 | 6.4 |

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1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| October 1993 | 145.7 | + 0.4 | + 2.8 |
| October 1992 | 141.8 | + 0.4 | + 3.2 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| AREA | PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 93 |  |  |  | REVISED SEPTEMBER 93 |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE |
| CROWLEY (ACADIA) | 20,775 | 19,050 | 1,725 | 8.3 | 20,275 | 18,725 | 1,550 | 7.7 |
| OAKDALE (ALLEN) | 9,600 | 8,725 | 875 | 9.1 | 9,375 | 8,625 | 750 | 8.0 |
| NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION) | 5,825 | 5,150 | 675 | 11.6 | 5,650 | 4,950 | 700 | 12.5 |
| BUNKIE (AVOYELLES) | 16,175 | 14,850 | 1,325 | 8.2 | 15,750 | 14,500 | 1,250 | 7.9 |
| DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD) | 13,925 | 12,875 | 1,050 | 7.5 | 13,625 | 12,675 | 950 | 6.9 |
| ARCADIA (BIENVILLE) | 6,850 | 6,450 | 400 | 5.8 | 6,800 | 6,400 | 400 | 5.8 |
| COLUMBIA (CALDWELL) | 4,200 | 3,900 | 300 | 7.0 | 4,175 | 3,850 | 325 | 7.7 |
| CAMERON (CAMERON) | 3,950 | 3,800 | 150 | 3.8 | 3,900 | 3,750 | 150 | 3.6 |
| JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA) | 3,775 | 3,425 | 350 | 9.2 | 3,725 | 3,375 | 350 | 9.5 |
| HOMER (CLAIBORNE) | 6,725 | 6,325 | 400 | 5.9 | 6,650 | 6,300 | 350 | 5.1 |
| FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA) | 8,000 | 7,225 | 775 | 9.6 | 7,950 | 7,175 | 775 | 9.6 |
| MANSFIELD (DESOTO) | 10,600 | 9,775 | 825 | 7.8 | 10,425 | 9,675 | 750 | 7.2 |
| LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL) | 3,500 | 3,200 | 300 | 8.2 | 3,500 | 3,175 | 325 | 9.4 |
| CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA) | 6,875 | 6,375 | 500 | 7.3 | 6,800 | 6,300 | 500 | 7.4 |
| VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE) | 14,525 | 13,600 | 925 | 6.3 | 14,125 | 13,425 | 700 | 4.9 |
| WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN) | 9,900 | 9,075 | 825 | 8.2 | 9,725 | 8,975 | 750 | 7.6 |
| COLFAX (GRANT) | 6,550 | 6,025 | 525 | 8.1 | 6,325 | 5,900 | 425 | 6.6 |
| NEW IBERIA (IBERIA) | 25,775 | 23,925 | 1,850 | 7.2 | 25,175 | 23,425 | 1,750 | 6.9 |
| PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE) | 11,750 | 10,450 | 1,300 | 11.0 | 11,525 | 10,275 | 1,250 | 10.7 |
| JONESBORO (JACKSON) | 6,325 | 5,975 | 350 | 5.5 | 6,325 | 6,000 | 325 | 5.2 |
| JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS) | 10,525 | 9,650 | 875 | 8.4 | 10,425 | 9,625 | 800 | 7.6 |
| JENA (LASALLE) | 5,975 | 5,450 | 525 | 8.6 | 5,825 | 5,375 | 450 | 7.9 |
| RUSTON (LINCOLN) | 20,025 | 19,325 | 700 | 3.5 | 20,075 | 19,375 | 700 | 3.4 |
| TALLULAH (MADISON) | 5,550 | 5,075 | 475 | 8.5 | 5,450 | 4,950 | 500 | 9.0 |
| BASTROP (MOREHOUSE) | 13,325 | 12,100 | 1,225 | 9.1 | 12,900 | 11,875 | 1,025 | 8.0 |
| NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES) | 16,500 | 15,400 | 1,100 | 6.7 | 16,100 | 15,075 | 1,025 | 6.3 |
| POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.) | 7,825 | 7,225 | 600 | 7.6 | 7,775 | 7,150 | 625 | 8.0 |
| NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE) | 6,650 | 5,850 | 800 | 12.1 | 6,525 | 5,750 | 775 | 11.9 |
| COUSHATTA (RED RIVER) | 3,950 | 3,650 | 300 | 7.6 | 3,875 | 3,575 | 300 | 7.6 |
| RAYVILLE (RICHLAND) | 8,000 | 7,325 | 675 | 8.5 | 7,775 | 7,125 | 650 | 8.4 |
| MANY (SABINE) | 10,375 | 9,775 | 600 | 5.7 | 10,325 | 9,750 | 575 | 5.5 |
| GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA) | 2,600 | 2,400 | 200 | 8.0 | 2,525 | 2,325 | 200 | 8.2 |
| LUTCHER (ST. JAMES) | 7,775 | 6,800 | 975 | 12.6 | 7,650 | 6,675 | 975 | 12.8 |
| OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY) | 30,900 | 28,275 | 2,625 | 8.5 | 30,350 | 27,950 | 2,400 | 7.9 |
| MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY) | 21,300 | 19,325 | 1,975 | 9.3 | 20,825 | 19,100 | 1,725 | 8.3 |
| HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA) | 41,450 | 37,675 | 3,775 | 9.1 | 40,325 | 36,875 | 3,450 | 8.5 |
| ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS) | 2,400 | 2,225 | 175 | 7.6 | 2,350 | 2,200 | 150 | 6.7 |
| FARMERVILLE (UNION) | 10,375 | 9,750 | 625 | 6.0 | 10,100 | 9,600 | 500 | 5.0 |
| ABBEVILLE (VERMILION) | 17,575 | 16,375 | 1,200 | 6.9 | 17,200 | 16,050 | 1,150 | 6.7 |
| LEESVILLE (VERNON) | 18,250 | 16,600 | 1,650 | 9.0 | 18,125 | 16,600 | 1,525 | 8.4 |
| BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON) | 17,300 | 15,900 | 1,400 | 8.1 | 16,900 | 15,575 | 1,325 | 7.9 |
| MINDEN (WEBSTER) | 16,425 | 14,625 | 1,800 | 11.0 | 16,050 | 14,550 | 1,500 | 9.4 |
| OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL) | 4,400 | 3,850 | 550 | 12.7 | 4,275 | 3,775 | 500 | 11.8 |
| ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.) | 4,250 | 4,000 | 250 | 5.8 | 4,225 | 3,950 | 275 | 6.6 |
| WINNFIELD (WINN) | 5,500 | 5,200 | 300 | 5.4 | 5,350 | 5,075 | 275 | 5.2 |

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

# ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Oct. 1993* | Sept. 1993** | Oct. 1992** | Net Change From Sept. 1993 | Net Change From Oct. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 48.9 | 48.7 | 47.9 | + 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| MINING | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 42.3 | 42.0 | 41.5 | + 0.3 | + 0.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 8.8 | 8.6 | 8.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 13.7 | 13.7 | 13.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Health Services | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 0 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.2 | 13.0 | 12.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| State | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 48,900 for the month of October. This estimate was 200 more than last month and 1,000 more than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,600 for the current month. This was a decrease of 100 from the September level of 6,700. Manufacturing, with a minimal loss of 100, was the only industry in the goods producing sector to show any change from last month.

Service producing employment was estimated at 42,300 for October, an increase of 300 from the September level of 42,000. Trade rose by 200 due to job growth in department, food, and drug stores. Government was up by 200, with the increase centered in social services within state government, and local education.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

|  |  |  |  | Net Change From |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Oct. 1993* | Sept. 1993** | Oct. 1992** | Sept. 1993 | Oct. 1992 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 252.5 | 251.5 | 252.6 | + 1.0 | - 0.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 54.3 | 54.0 | 56.0 | + 0.3 | - 1.7 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30.4 | 30.1 | 31.4 | + 0.3 | - 1.0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 23.0 | 23.0 | 23.7 | 0 | - 0.7 |
| Durable Goods | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.6 | 17.5 | 17.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 198.2 | 197.5 | 196.6 | + 0.7 | + 1.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.6 | 11.7 | 11.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 54.6 | 54.4 | 54.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.4 | 13.5 | 13.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 41.2 | 40.9 | 40.5 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| General Merchandise | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.4 | 14.4 | 14.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 59.5 | 59.6 | 58.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| GOVERNMENT | 58.1 | 57.4 | 57.9 | + 0.7 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 55.4 | 54.7 | 55.2 | + 0.7 | + 0.2 |
| State | 31.3 | 30.7 | 31.3 | + 0.6 | 0 |
| Local | 24.1 | 24.0 | 23.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 252,500 for October. This was 1,000 above the September revised figure, but 100 less than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 54,300, was 300 above the September estimate, but 1,700 below October of last year. The construction sector was the only segment in the goods producing industry to show a change over the month. Heavy construction was mainly responsible for the increase of 300 employees.

Service producing employment was estimated at 198,200 for October. This was 700 more than September and 1,600 higher than October one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities had a minimal loss of 100 for October. Trade employment was higher due to increases in the general merchandise, and eating and drinking places sectors. Services employment decreased from 59,600 in September to 59,500 in October. Government employment exhibited the largest over-the-month increase with the gain centered in the state education segment.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,700 production workers in all manufacturing was $655.94 for October, a decrease of $11.55 from the September revised figure. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $5.44. Average weekly hours, at 43.7, increased by 0.3 hours in October, while average hourly earnings decreased by $0.37 an hour. The increase of lower-paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 277,600. This figure was comprised of 259,300 employed and 18,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 6.6 percent in October.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,674 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,172 referrals to current openings resulted in 66 placements during the month of October.

## HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct. 1993* | Sept. 1993** | Oct. 1992** | Sept. 1993 | Oct. 1992 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 59.3 | 58.8 | 57.9 | + 0.5 | + 1.4 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.0 | 12.9 | 12.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| MINING | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 46.3 | 45.9 | 45.6 | + 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 14.9 | 14.8 | 14.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.1 | 11.9 | 11.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| State | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 8.2 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 0 | + 0.3 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA increased to 59,300, a level of 500 above the September revised estimate and 1,400 above the October, 1992 figure.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 13,000, was 100 above last month and 700 higher than October a year ago. Mining employment was up in the oil and gas field services sector. Construction exhibited a minimal loss of 100 over the month. Manufacturing employment was higher mainly due to seasonal increases in food and kindred products nondurable goods.

Employment in the service producing industry was estimated at 46,300 in October. This was 400 more than September and 700 above October one year ago. Trade employment was higher by 100 in the wholesale sector. The business, and health services sectors showed small gains that contributed to the growth over the month for total services employment. Government payrolls were boosted by small increases in the federal and state education sectors.

Estimated unemployment was 4,300 in October. Unemployment presently comprises 6.4 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 658.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Oct. 1993* | Sept. 1993** | Oct. 1992** | Net Change From Sept. 1993 | Net Change From Oct. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 102.0 | 101.6 | 101.2 | + 0.4 | + 0.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 26.0 | 25.7 | 25.8 | + 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| MINING | 10.8 | 10.7 | 10.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 0 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 9.8 | 9.6 | 9.8 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.6 | + 0.2 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 76.0 | 75.9 | 75.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 0 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 26.6 | 26.5 | 26.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 20.2 | 20.1 | 20.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| General Merchandise | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 25.6 | 25.7 | 25.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.8 | 13.8 | 14.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Federal | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 12.8 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| State | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Local | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 0 | 0 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 102,000, was up by 400 from the September revised estimate of 101,600.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,000, an increase of 300 from last month's figure. Mining moved up 100 in October, and compared to October, 1992 this industry showed an increase of 200 jobs in the Lafayette MSA. Manufacturing increased by 200 mostly due to seasonal hiring in the food and kindred products sector.

Service producing employment was estimated at 76,000, an increase of 100 from last month's figure. Trade rose by 100 due to more employment activity in the eating and drinking places, and miscellaneous retail sectors. Finance, insurance, and real estate increased by 100 due to more business in the real estate industry.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Oct. 1993* | Sept. 1993** | Oct. 1992** | Net Change From Sept. 1993 | Net Change From Oct. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 73.1 | 73.4 | 71.4 | - 0.3 | + 1.7 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 21.6 | 21.7 | 20.4 | - 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| MINING | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 9.5 | 9.7 | 8.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| MANUFACTURING | 11.1 | 11.0 | 10.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 51.5 | 51.7 | 51.0 | - 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.5 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.5 | 16.5 | 16.0 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.5 | - 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.1 | 12.9 | 12.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.7 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| State | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Local | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 0 | 0 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 73,100 in October. This was 300 less than September, but 1,700 higher than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 21,600 for October, a decrease of 100 from September, but 1,200 above the year-ago figure. Construction was down due to decreases in the general and special trade contractors sectors. Manufacturing payrolls increased mainly in the transportation equipment durable goods sector.

Service producing employment, estimated at 51,500, was 200 less than September, but 500 above the year-ago figure. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down as a result of less business at the port facilities. All other segments remained unchanged over the month.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Oct. 1993* | Sept. 1993** | Oct. 1992** | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Sept. 1993 | Oct. 1992 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.4 | 61.3 | 61.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.8 | 12.0 | 12.0 | - 0.2 | - 0.2 |
| MINING | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.6 | 5.7 | 6.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 49.6 | 49.3 | 49.8 | + 0.3 | - 0.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.4 | 15.1 | 15.2 | + 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.1 | 11.8 | 11.9 | + 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | + 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 15.0 | 15.1 | 14.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 11.9 | 11.8 | 12.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.9 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.4 | 11.3 | 12.3 | + 0.1 | - 0.9 |
| State | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Local | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 0 | - 0.4 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 61,400 in October. This was 100 more than September, but 400 less than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 11,800 for October. This was 200 below September and the year-ago figure. Both construction and manufacturing payrolls exhibited small over-the-month decreases of 100 each. Mining remained stable over the month.

Service producing industries increased by 300 in October. Trade was higher mainly due to an increase in retail eating and drinking places. Services displayed a small decrease of 100 over the month. Government employment was up at the state education level.

# NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Oct. 1993* | Sept. 1993** | Oct. 1992** | Net Change From Sept. 1993 | Net Change From Oct. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 536.2 | 537.3 | 540.7 | - 1.1 | - 4.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 78.9 | 78.1 | 82.3 | + 0.8 | - 3.4 |
| MINING | 12.5 | 12.3 | 13.7 | + 0.2 | - 1.2 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 12.1 | 12.0 | 13.3 | + 0.1 | - 1.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 23.5 | 23.1 | 23.9 | + 0.4 | - 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 42.9 | 42.7 | 44.7 | + 0.2 | - 1.8 |
| Durable Goods | 21.2 | 21.0 | 22.7 | + 0.2 | - 1.5 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 12.0 | 11.8 | 13.1 | + 0.2 | - 1.1 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.5 | 9.3 | 10.1 | + 0.2 | - 0.6 |
| Other Durable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 21.7 | 21.7 | 22.0 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.6 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 457.3 | 459.2 | 458.4 | - 1.9 | - 1.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 39.6 | 39.6 | 40.4 | 0 | - 0.8 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.9 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 12.1 | 12.2 | 12.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 135.6 | 135.9 | 136.5 | - 0.3 | - 0.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 32.1 | 32.0 | 31.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.0 | 14.9 | 14.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Retail Trade | 103.5 | 103.9 | 105.0 | - 0.4 | - 1.5 |
| General Merchandise | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.7 | 0 | - 0.8 |
| Food Stores | 20.1 | 20.1 | 20.9 | 0 | - 0.8 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 37.8 | 38.0 | 37.1 | - 0.2 | + 0.7 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 29.0 | 29.0 | 29.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 9.0 | 8.9 | 8.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 160.1 | 159.2 | 158.1 | + 0.9 | + 2.0 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.6 | 13.5 | 13.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Health Services | 45.9 | 46.0 | 45.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Educational Services | 17.7 | 17.1 | 17.7 | + 0.6 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 93.0 | 95.5 | 94.4 | - 2.5 | - 1.4 |
| Federal | 16.5 | 16.5 | 16.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 76.5 | 79.0 | 77.8 | - 2.5 | - 1.3 |
| State | 20.5 | 20.4 | 21.6 | + 0.1 | - 1.1 |
| Local | 56.0 | 58.6 | 56.2 | - 2.6 | - 0.2 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in October was estimated at 536,200. This was 1,100 below the September revised rate and 4,500 less than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 78,900 for October, up by 800 from September, but down by 3,400 from October of last year. Mining was up by 200 in the oil and gas field services sector. Construction was higher due to growth in each segment of the industry, with the special trade contractors sector having the largest gain. Manufacturing payrolls were boosted by increased business for the ship and boat building and repairing sector of transportation equipment durable goods.

Service producing employment was estimated at 457,300 for October. This was 1,900 below September and 1,100 less than October a year ago. Trade employment was lower due to less business at eating and drinking places, and apparel and accessory stores. Seasonal increases in educational services were mainly responsible for the growth in the services industry. Government employment was lower due to the release of temporary summer workers in the local government sector.

An estimated 30,100 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $568.98 per week, up by $38.32 from last month's revised average. Average weekly hours were 43.6, up by 2.4 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.05, up by $0.17 from September and $0.92 higher than October of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 38,300 for October. The unemployment rate registered 6.9 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 7,552.

## SHREVEPORT AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Oct. 1993* | Sept. 1993** | Oct. 1992** | Net Change From Sept. 1993 | Oct. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 142.2 | 141.5 | 140.6 | + 0.7 | + 1.6 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 27.3 | 27.0 | 26.7 | + 0.3 | + 0.6 |
| MINING | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.6 | 7.2 | 6.9 | + 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 17.1 | 17.2 | 17.1 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 11.3 | 11.4 | 11.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Durable Goods | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 114.9 | 114.5 | 113.9 | + 0.4 | + 1.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 7.6 | 7.8 | 7.9 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 34.3 | 34.4 | 33.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 25.9 | 25.9 | 25.2 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 37.6 | 37.4 | 37.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 28.8 | 28.3 | 28.5 | + 0.5 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 23.7 | 23.2 | 23.5 | + 0.5 | + 0.2 |
| State | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 15.9 | 15.4 | 15.7 | + 0.5 | + 0.2 |

# SHREVEPORT AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport MSA during October was estimated at 142,200, an increase of 700 from the September revised estimate and 1,600 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 27,300, a gain of 300 from the September estimate of 27,000. Construction rose by 400 jobs with the growth concentrated mostly in the special trade contractors sector. Manufacturing was down by 100 due to a slowdown in the transportation equipment sector.

Service producing employment increased to 114,900, up from 114,500 in September and 1,000 more than the year-ago estimate of 113,900. All of the over-the-month increase occurred in the government and services sectors, with the addition of personnel at educational facilities. Transportation, communications, and public utilities, as well as trade, experienced small job losses over the month.

An estimated 12,700 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $619.54 in October, compared to $640.72 in September, and $582.20 a year ago. Average weekly hours rose to 44.7 in October compared to 42.8 in September and 41.0 a year ago. Average hourly earnings decreased to $13.86 in October, down from $14.97 in September, and down from $14.20 one year ago.

The Shreveport MSA had a civilian labor force in October of 156,400, including 146,400 employed and 10,000 unemployed. The unemployment rate was 6.4 percent.

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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,649,800 for November compared to the October revised figure of 1,646,700 and the year-ago figure of 1,631,700. The November number displayed an increase of 3,100 and 18,100, respectively.

Goods producing employment was down 500 from last month and 900 below November of last year. Mining showed a small increase over the month. Decreases in the general contractors, and special trade contractors sectors caused construction to drop by 200. Manufacturing exhibited a loss as the food and kindred products nondurable goods segment returned to normal.

Service producing employment, estimated at 1,317,000, was 3,600 more than last month and 19,000 more than last year. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was estimated at 104,100. This was a decrease of 100 from October and 1,600 from one year ago. Considerable gains in the general merchandise, food stores, apparel and accessory, and miscellaneous retail trade sectors were mainly responsible for the increase in trade employment. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment decreased by 100 over the month. Services moved upward due to increases in the amusement and recreation segment. Government employment was higher in November on the local level in educational services.

Average weekly earnings for Louisiana's 136,300 production workers in manufacturing increased one cent from $552.96 in October to $552.97 in November. Also, there was an increase of $18.91 from November, 1992. Average hourly earnings were $12.83 in November. This estimate was three cents more than October and $0.41 higher than November of last year. Average weekly hours for November were 43.1, a decrease of 0.1 hours from the October revised level of 43.2 hours.

The November preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 8.4 percent, an increase from the October revised rate of 7.5 percent. The national unemployment rate for November was 6.4 percent, a decrease from the October rate of 6.8 percent. Total unemployment for November increased to 159,900. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,893,300, with an increase in total employment to 1,733,400.

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## LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

|  | Nov. 1993* | Oct. 1993** | Nov. 1992** | Net Change From Oct. 1993 | Nov. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (3) | 1,649.8 | 1,646.7 | 1,641.7 | + 3.1 | + 8.1 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 332.8 | 333.3 | 333.7 | - 0.5 | - 0.9 |
| MINING | 43.7 | 43.6 | 44.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.9 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 41.9 | 41.8 | 42.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.9 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 102.1 | 102.3 | 101.9 | - 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| General Contractors | 19.0 | 19.1 | 19.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 40.5 | 40.5 | 40.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 42.6 | 42.7 | 42.2 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 187.0 | 187.4 | 187.2 | - 0.4 | - 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 80.7 | 80.7 | 80.2 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.6 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 14.6 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.9 | 13.0 | 12.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.6 | 21.6 | 21.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.3 | 106.7 | 107.0 | - 0.4 | - 0.7 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 22.8 | 23.4 | 22.5 | - 0.6 | + 0.3 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.5 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.3 | 30.2 | 30.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING (3) | 1,317.0 | 1,313.4 | 1,308.0 | + 3.6 | + 9.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 104.1 | 104.2 | 105.7 | - 0.1 | - 1.6 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 61.5 | 61.5 | 62.0 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| Water Transportation | 23.2 | 23.1 | 23.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.8 | 37.9 | 38.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.8 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.6 | 15.6 | 15.9 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 22.2 | 22.3 | 22.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.5 |

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## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Nov. 1993* | Oct. 1993** | Nov. 1992** | Net Change From Oct. 1993 | Net Change From Nov. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 385.0 | 381.7 | 383.9 | + 3.3 | + 1.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 86.5 | 86.5 | 86.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.2 | 47.2 | 47.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 39.3 | 39.3 | 39.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 298.5 | 295.2 | 297.5 | + 3.3 | + 1.0 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| General Merchandise | 41.1 | 39.8 | 40.7 | + 1.3 | + 0.4 |
| Food Stores | 60.2 | 59.5 | 59.6 | + 0.7 | + 0.6 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 31.4 | 31.5 | 31.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 16.5 | 15.6 | 17.0 | + 0.9 | - 0.5 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 95.9 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Retail Trade | 32.5 | 32.0 | 32.1 | + 0.5 | + 0.4 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 76.9 | 77.0 | 77.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Banking | 27.4 | 27.4 | 27.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Insurance | 25.9 | 26.0 | 26.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.7 |
| SERVICES | 402.4 | 402.1 | 399.6 | + 0.3 | + 2.8 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 22.0 | 21.6 | 22.0 | + 0.4 | 0 |
| Personal Services | 14.0 | 13.9 | 13.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Business Services | 64.5 | 64.9 | 64.6 | - 0.4 | - 0.1 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.4 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 15.1 | 14.5 | 14.1 | + 0.6 | + 1.0 |
| Health Services | 134.8 | 134.7 | 134.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Hospitals | 58.6 | 58.6 | 58.4 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Legal Services | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Educational Services | 28.5 | 28.6 | 26.8 | - 0.1 | + 1.7 |
| Social Services | 24.7 | 24.7 | 24.4 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.3 | 26.4 | 26.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 27.9 | 28.0 | 27.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT (3) | 348.6 | 348.4 | 341.5 | + 0.2 | + 7.1 |
| Federal | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local (3) | 311.1 | 310.9 | 304.1 | + 0.2 | + 7.0 |
| State (3) | 111.1 | 111.2 | 109.8 | - 0.1 | + 1.3 |
| Local | 200.0 | 199.7 | 194.3 | + 0.3 | + 5.7 |

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

**(3) Per ERRATA page for data released on December 27, 1993.**

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov. '93* | Oct. '93** | Nov. '92** | Nov. '93* | Oct. '93** | Nov. '92** | Nov. '93* | Oct. '93** | Nov. '92** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $552.97 | $552.96 | $534.06 | 43.1 | 43.2 | 43.0 | $12.83 | $12.80 | $12.42 |
| Durable Goods | 503.80 | 504.58 | 475.88 | 44.0 | 44.3 | 42.3 | 11.45 | 11.39 | 11.25 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 410.87 | 419.48 | 393.30 | 45.2 | 46.3 | 45.0 | 9.09 | 9.06 | 8.74 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 453.02 | 465.30 | 465.12 | 42.9 | 45.0 | 40.8 | 10.56 | 10.34 | 11.40 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 458.15 | 460.51 | 477.96 | 43.1 | 43.2 | 42.0 | 10.63 | 10.66 | 11.38 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 486.58 | 507.07 | 483.91 | 43.6 | 45.6 | 44.6 | 11.16 | 11.12 | 10.85 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 874.58 | 807.44 | 714.53 | 47.3 | 46.7 | 43.2 | 18.49 | 17.29 | 16.54 |
| Transportation Equipment | 552.86 | 552.96 | 483.39 | 44.3 | 43.2 | 39.3 | 12.48 | 12.80 | 12.30 |
| Nondurable Goods | 592.62 | 590.80 | 581.16 | 42.3 | 42.2 | 43.5 | 14.01 | 14.00 | 13.36 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 341.14 | 331.28 | 345.87 | 41.3 | 40.4 | 42.7 | 8.26 | 8.20 | 8.10 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 206.64 | 206.03 | 239.91 | 32.8 | 32.6 | 37.9 | 6.30 | 6.32 | 6.33 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 645.68 | 643.30 | 643.57 | 41.9 | 41.8 | 43.9 | 15.41 | 15.39 | 14.66 |
| Printing & Publishing | 453.10 | 439.24 | 439.64 | 37.2 | 37.8 | 39.5 | 12.18 | 11.62 | 11.13 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 885.01 | 851.09 | 839.96 | 47.1 | 44.7 | 46.0 | 18.79 | 19.04 | 18.26 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 981.15 | 1,102.18 | 938.91 | 46.9 | 53.4 | 48.1 | 20.92 | 20.64 | 19.52 |
| Petroleum Refining | 1,014.10 | 1,137.04 | 969.17 | 47.7 | 54.3 | 48.8 | 21.26 | 20.94 | 19.86 |
| **MINING** | 632.60 | 644.35 | 645.29 | 47.6 | 49.0 | 48.3 | 13.29 | 13.15 | 13.36 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 593.07 | 584.64 | 575.69 | 41.1 | 40.6 | 40.8 | 14.43 | 14.40 | 14.11 |
| **BANKING** | 322.65 | 325.62 | 310.96 | 37.3 | 37.6 | 36.8 | 8.65 | 8.66 | 8.45 |

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**(1)** Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **136,300** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **80,600** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov. '93* | Oct. '93** | Nov. '92** | Nov. '93* | Oct. '93** | Nov. '92** | Nov. '93* | Oct. '93** | Nov. '92** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $662.69 | $665.76 | $653.59 | 43.8 | 43.8 | 45.2 | $15.13 | $15.20 | $14.46 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 913.40 | 921.67 | 909.54 | 47.4 | 47.0 | 48.9 | 19.27 | 19.61 | 18.60 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,900** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $540.60 | $563.77 | $507.10 | 42.5 | 43.3 | 41.6 | $12.72 | $13.02 | $12.19 |
| Durable Goods | 458.38 | 443.87 | 406.38 | 42.6 | 41.6 | 39.0 | 10.76 | 10.67 | 10.42 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 459.73 | 452.30 | 406.85 | 42.1 | 44.3 | 39.5 | 10.92 | 10.21 | 10.30 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 446.65 | 460.67 | 411.65 | 41.9 | 44.9 | 40.2 | 10.66 | 10.26 | 10.24 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 425.29 | 398.34 | 355.49 | 42.7 | 40.4 | 35.8 | 9.96 | 9.86 | 9.93 |
| Nondurable Goods | 616.31 | 674.55 | 603.73 | 42.3 | 45.0 | 44.1 | 14.57 | 14.99 | 13.69 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 403.85 | 396.17 | 398.46 | 42.2 | 40.8 | 43.5 | 9.57 | 9.71 | 9.16 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 172.06 | 160.63 | 183.12 | 30.4 | 29.1 | 33.6 | 5.66 | 5.52 | 5.45 |
| Printing & Publishing | 489.20 | 459.68 | 472.38 | 42.1 | 40.5 | 43.1 | 11.62 | 11.35 | 10.96 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 1,023.47 | 977.86 | 946.37 | 49.3 | 46.3 | 50.5 | 20.76 | 21.12 | 18.74 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **29,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $637.14 | $639.00 | $584.05 | 44.4 | 45.0 | 40.7 | $14.35 | $14.20 | $14.35 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 341.73 | 339.83 | 341.01 | 43.7 | 41.8 | 42.1 | 7.82 | 8.13 | 8.10 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 428.78 | 418.00 | 394.72 | 36.9 | 38.0 | 37.7 | 11.62 | 11.00 | 10.47 |
| Printing and Publishing | 366.44 | 366.82 | 383.08 | 37.7 | 37.7 | 38.5 | 9.72 | 9.73 | 9.95 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 752.08 | 629.75 | 613.62 | 46.8 | 44.1 | 41.8 | 16.07 | 14.28 | 14.68 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **12,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| | PRELIMINARY Nov., 1993 | | | | REVISED Oct., 1993 | | | | REVISED Nov., 1992 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (in thousands) | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE |
| LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.) | 1,893.3 | 1,733.4 | 159.9 | 8.4 | 1,867.1 | 1,726.8 | 140.3 | 7.5 | 1,898.9 | 1,747.8 | 151.1 | 8.0 |
| LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED) | 1,890.3 | 1,743.4 | 146.9 | 7.8 | 1,873.5 | 1,742.0 | 131.5 | 7.0 | 1,897.2 | 1,759.3 | 137.9 | 7.3 |
| METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria 1/ | 57.9 | 53.6 | 4.3 | 7.3 | 57.1 | 53.5 | 3.6 | 6.4 | 57.4 | 53.5 | 3.9 | 6.7 |
| Baton Rouge 2/ | 277.9 | 257.6 | 20.3 | 7.3 | 277.1 | 258.7 | 18.4 | 6.6 | 278.5 | 261.2 | 17.3 | 6.2 |
| Houma - Thibodaux 3/ | 68.7 | 63.8 | 4.9 | 7.1 | 68.0 | 63.7 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 68.8 | 63.5 | 5.3 | 7.8 |
| Lafayette 4/ | 105.9 | 99.4 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 104.8 | 99.2 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 106.3 | 99.9 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| Lake Charles 5/ | 82.7 | 75.8 | 6.9 | 8.3 | 81.5 | 75.8 | 5.7 | 7.0 | 81.7 | 74.9 | 6.8 | 8.3 |
| Monroe 6/ | 68.8 | 64.0 | 4.8 | 7.0 | 68.3 | 63.8 | 4.5 | 6.5 | 69.4 | 65.1 | 4.3 | 6.3 |
| New Orleans 7/ | 560.9 | 520.0 | 40.9 | 7.3 | 556.3 | 517.7 | 38.6 | 6.9 | 567.6 | 530.5 | 37.1 | 6.5 |
| Shreveport 8/ | 157.3 | 146.0 | 11.3 | 7.2 | 156.1 | 146.1 | 10.0 | 6.4 | 155.5 | 145.3 | 10.2 | 6.5 |

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1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 1993 | 145.8 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 |
| Nov. 1992 | 142.0 | + 0.1 | + 3.0 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| AREA | PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 93 | | | | REVISED OCTOBER 93 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE |
| CROWLEY (ACADIA) | 20,950 | 18,975 | 1,975 | 9.5 | 20,775 | 19,050 | 1,725 | 8.3 |
| OAKDALE (ALLEN) | 9,800 | 8,800 | 1,000 | 10.2 | 9,600 | 8,725 | 875 | 9.0 |
| NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION) | 5,825 | 5,125 | 700 | 12.2 | 5,825 | 5,150 | 675 | 11.5 |
| BUNKIE (AVOYELLES) | 16,450 | 14,675 | 1,775 | 10.8 | 16,125 | 14,800 | 1,325 | 8.2 |
| DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD) | 14,000 | 12,825 | 1,175 | 8.4 | 13,925 | 12,875 | 1,050 | 7.5 |
| ARCADIA (BIENVILLE) | 6,850 | 6,400 | 450 | 6.5 | 6,825 | 6,425 | 400 | 5.8 |
| COLUMBIA (CALDWELL) | 4,225 | 3,875 | 350 | 8.4 | 4,200 | 3,900 | 300 | 7.0 |
| CAMERON (CAMERON) | 4,025 | 3,750 | 275 | 7.0 | 3,950 | 3,800 | 150 | 3.8 |
| JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA) | 3,850 | 3,400 | 450 | 11.7 | 3,775 | 3,425 | 350 | 9.4 |
| HOMER (CLAIBORNE) | 6,850 | 6,350 | 500 | 7.3 | 6,725 | 6,325 | 400 | 5.9 |
| FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA) | 8,075 | 7,175 | 900 | 11.1 | 7,950 | 7,200 | 750 | 9.5 |
| MANSFIELD (DESOTO) | 10,600 | 9,750 | 850 | 8.1 | 10,600 | 9,775 | 825 | 7.8 |
| LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL) | 3,650 | 3,150 | 500 | 13.7 | 3,450 | 3,175 | 275 | 8.2 |
| CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA) | 7,000 | 6,400 | 600 | 8.7 | 6,875 | 6,350 | 525 | 7.4 |
| VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE) | 14,425 | 13,350 | 1,075 | 7.5 | 14,500 | 13,575 | 925 | 6.3 |
| WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN) | 10,150 | 9,025 | 1,125 | 11.1 | 9,900 | 9,075 | 825 | 8.2 |
| COLFAX (GRANT) | 6,600 | 5,950 | 650 | 9.9 | 6,525 | 6,000 | 525 | 8.1 |
| NEW IBERIA (IBERIA) | 26,100 | 24,025 | 2,075 | 8.0 | 25,750 | 23,900 | 1,850 | 7.2 |
| PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE) | 11,850 | 10,450 | 1,400 | 11.8 | 11,725 | 10,425 | 1,300 | 11.1 |
| JONESBORO (JACKSON) | 6,350 | 5,925 | 425 | 6.7 | 6,300 | 5,950 | 350 | 5.5 |
| JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS) | 10,600 | 9,550 | 1,050 | 9.9 | 10,525 | 9,650 | 875 | 8.4 |
| JENA (LASALLE) | 5,975 | 5,425 | 550 | 9.1 | 5,950 | 5,450 | 500 | 8.5 |
| RUSTON (LINCOLN) | 20,025 | 19,275 | 750 | 3.8 | 20,000 | 19,300 | 700 | 3.5 |
| TALLULAH (MADISON) | 5,575 | 5,025 | 550 | 9.7 | 5,525 | 5,050 | 475 | 8.5 |
| BASTROP (MOREHOUSE) | 13,450 | 12,050 | 1,400 | 10.4 | 13,325 | 12,100 | 1,225 | 9.3 |
| NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES) | 16,725 | 15,475 | 1,250 | 7.4 | 16,500 | 15,400 | 1,100 | 6.7 |
| POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.) | 7,850 | 7,175 | 675 | 8.7 | 7,825 | 7,225 | 600 | 7.7 |
| NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE) | 6,725 | 5,850 | 875 | 12.9 | 6,675 | 5,850 | 825 | 12.3 |
| COUSHATTA (RED RIVER) | 4,025 | 3,650 | 375 | 9.6 | 3,950 | 3,650 | 300 | 7.8 |
| RAYVILLE (RICHLAND) | 8,150 | 7,250 | 900 | 11.0 | 7,975 | 7,300 | 675 | 8.5 |
| MANY (SABINE) | 10,400 | 9,750 | 650 | 6.4 | 10,325 | 9,750 | 575 | 5.7 |
| GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA) | 2,675 | 2,400 | 275 | 10.7 | 2,600 | 2,400 | 200 | 7.9 |
| LUTCHER (ST. JAMES) | 7,850 | 6,825 | 1,025 | 13.0 | 7,750 | 6,775 | 975 | 12.6 |
| OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY) | 31,550 | 28,450 | 3,100 | 9.8 | 30,875 | 28,250 | 2,625 | 8.5 |
| MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY) | 21,350 | 19,325 | 2,025 | 9.5 | 21,275 | 19,300 | 1,975 | 9.2 |
| HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA) | 41,800 | 37,675 | 4,125 | 9.9 | 41,425 | 37,650 | 3,775 | 9.1 |
| ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS) | 2,525 | 2,225 | 300 | 12.3 | 2,400 | 2,225 | 175 | 7.5 |
| FARMERVILLE (UNION) | 10,700 | 9,950 | 750 | 7.1 | 10,375 | 9,750 | 625 | 6.0 |
| ABBEVILLE (VERMILION) | 17,950 | 16,400 | 1,550 | 8.6 | 17,600 | 16,375 | 1,225 | 6.9 |
| LEESVILLE (VERNON) | 18,500 | 16,650 | 1,850 | 10.1 | 18,250 | 16,600 | 1,650 | 9.0 |
| BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON) | 17,450 | 15,975 | 1,475 | 8.5 | 17,300 | 15,900 | 1,400 | 8.1 |
| MINDEN (WEBSTER) | 16,450 | 14,550 | 1,900 | 11.5 | 16,425 | 14,600 | 1,825 | 11.1 |
| OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL) | 4,375 | 3,725 | 650 | 14.9 | 4,400 | 3,850 | 550 | 12.7 |
| ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.) | 4,250 | 3,975 | 275 | 6.7 | 4,250 | 4,000 | 250 | 5.9 |
| WINNFIELD (WINN) | 5,650 | 5,225 | 425 | 7.5 | 5,500 | 5,200 | 300 | 5.4 |

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

## ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Nov. 1993* | Oct. 1993** | Nov. 1992** | Net Change From Oct. 1993 | Net Change From Nov. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 49.1 | 49.0 | 48.0 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| MINING | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 42.4 | 42.3 | 41.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 8.9 | 8.8 | 8.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 13.7 | 13.7 | 13.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Health Services | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 0 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 49,100 for the current month. This estimate was 100 more than last month and 1,100 higher than November, 1992.

Goods producing employment for the current month was estimated at 6,700. This estimate was unchanged from last month, but was up 400 over the prior year level of 6,300. The largest over-the-year increase was mainly in the construction industry.

Service producing employment was estimated at 42,400 for November. Employment was up in the retail trade and local government sectors, while employment was down in state government.

# BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov. 1993* | Oct. 1993** | Nov. 1992** | Oct. 1993 | Nov. 1992 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 251.9 | 252.5 | 251.8 | - 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 53.7 | 54.3 | 55.3 | - 0.6 | - 1.6 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 29.8 | 30.4 | 30.9 | - 0.6 | - 1.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 23.0 | 23.0 | 23.6 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| Durable Goods | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.5 | 17.6 | 17.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 198.2 | 198.2 | 196.5 | 0 | + 1.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.6 | 11.6 | 11.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 55.1 | 54.7 | 54.5 | + 0.4 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.4 | 13.4 | 13.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 41.7 | 41.3 | 40.9 | + 0.4 | + 0.8 |
| General Merchandise | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.9 | + 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.4 | 14.5 | 14.2 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Banking | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 59.2 | 59.3 | 58.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 57.9 | 58.1 | 57.5 | - 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 55.1 | 55.4 | 54.8 | - 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| State | 31.1 | 31.3 | 31.0 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 24.0 | 24.1 | 23.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA shifted downward to a level of 251,900 in November. This was primarily due to employment losses in the construction industry.

Employment in the goods producing sector fell 600 below the October revised level of 54,300. Construction reached its lowest level since April, 1992, as all segments reported a slowdown in business. The largest over-the-year decrease also occurred in the heavy construction segment of the construction industry.

Employment in the service producing sector stabilized in November at a level of 198,200, remaining above the prior year estimate of 196,500. Most of the monthly increase occurred in the retail trade industry due to traditional pre-Christmas hiring, and new or expanding business activity. The only other segment reporting positive movement was the federal workforce, gaining 100 in November. Finance, insurance, and real estate reported a minimal loss, mainly in the real estate agents and managers segment. Total government declined to 57,900 for November, responding to seasonal cutbacks in both state and local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,900 production workers in all manufacturing was $662.69 for November, a decrease of $3.07 from the October average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $9.10. Average weekly hours remained at 43.8, while average hourly earnings at $15.13, decreased by seven cents an hour. The increase of lower-paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 277,900. This figure was comprised of 257,600 employed and 20,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.3 percent in November.

The Baton Rouge Job Service office served 1,957 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,193 referrals to current openings resulted in 132 placements during the month of November.

## HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov. 1993* | Oct. 1993** | Nov. 1992** | Oct. 1993 | Nov. 1992 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 59.5 | 59.6 | 58.1 | - 0.1 | + 1.4 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 12.8 | 13.2 | 12.3 | - 0.4 | + 0.5 |
| MINING | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.1 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 46.7 | 46.4 | 45.8 | + 0.3 | + 0.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.1 | 15.0 | 14.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.1 | 12.0 | 11.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.4 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 11.4 | 11.5 | 11.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.3 | 12.1 | 12.0 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.8 | 11.6 | 11.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| State | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 8.4 | 8.2 | 8.0 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA dropped slightly to 59,500, a loss of 100 from October's revised level of 59,600. A gain of 300 was seen in the service producing industry, but a loss of 400 in goods producing brought the total down for the area. The year-ago change for total nonagricultural employment was an increase of 1,400.

Goods producing employment fell from 13,200 in October, to 12,800 in November. Each sector of the industry experienced a small decrease, except durable goods manufacturing, which remained stable.

Service producing employment moved up in November to a level of 46,700. This was a rise of 300 above October's estimate of 46,400. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was higher due to more business in the water transportation segment. Trade was higher due to increased hiring for the holiday season. Services employment exhibited small losses scattered throughout the industry. Government rose at the local government level.

Estimated unemployment was 4,900 in November. Unemployment presently comprises 7.1 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 698.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Nov. 1993* | Oct. 1993** | Nov. 1992** | Net Change From Oct. 1993 | Net Change From Nov. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 102.6 | 102.3 | 101.3 | + 0.3 | + 1.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 26.3 | 26.0 | 25.6 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| MINING | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 10.0 | 9.8 | 9.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.5 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 76.3 | 76.3 | 75.7 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 26.8 | 26.7 | 26.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.5 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| General Merchandise | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 25.7 | 25.7 | 24.9 | 0 | + 0.8 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.9 | 13.9 | 14.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Federal | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 0 | 0 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 102,600 for November. This estimate was 300 more than last month and 1,300 more than November, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,300 for the current month. This was an increase of 300 over the October level of 26,000. Manufacturing increased by 200 due to more hiring in the printing and publishing, and miscellaneous manufacturing sectors. Construction rose 100 with the increase centered in the special trade contractors sector.

Service producing employment was estimated at 76,300 for November. This was unchanged from the October level, but 600 more than the November, 1992 level of 75,700. Transportation, communications, and public utilities showed a minimal loss of 100, while trade rose by 100.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Nov. 1993* | Oct. 1993** | Nov. 1992** | Net Change From Oct. 1993 | Net Change From Nov. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 73.8 | 73.6 | 71.6 | + 0.2 | + 2.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 21.5 | 21.6 | 20.5 | - 0.1 | + 1.0 |
| MINING | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 9.4 | 9.5 | 8.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 11.1 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 52.3 | 52.0 | 51.1 | + 0.3 | + 1.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.8 | 16.7 | 16.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.4 | 13.3 | 12.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 15.9 | 15.7 | 15.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.1 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 0 | 0 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 73,800 in November. This was an increase of 200 above October's revised level of 73,600, and 2,200 more than the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment fell slightly from 21,600 in October to 21,500 in November. The loss of 100 occurred in the construction segment.

Service producing employment rose in November to 52,300, a jump of 300 from October's level of 52,000. The increase was centered in retail trade and services.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Nov. 1993* | Oct. 1993** | Nov. 1992** | Net Change From Oct. 1993 | Net Change From Nov. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.7 | 61.4 | 61.9 | + 0.3 | - 0.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.9 | 11.8 | 12.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| MINING | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.0 | 7.9 | 8.2 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.7 | 5.6 | 6.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 49.8 | 49.6 | 49.9 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.7 | 15.4 | 15.2 | + 0.3 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.4 | 12.1 | 12.0 | + 0.3 | + 0.4 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.9 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Banking | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 15.0 | 15.0 | 14.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.8 | 0 | - 0.9 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.4 | 11.4 | 12.3 | 0 | - 0.9 |
| State | 4.6 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| Local | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 0 | - 0.4 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 61,700 in November. This was 300 more than the October revised estimate, but 200 less than the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 11,900, showed an increase of 100 from October, but a decrease of 100 from one year ago. Mining, and construction remained stable over the month; however, compared to the year-ago figure, construction rose by 100. Manufacturing employment, at 8,000, was 100 higher than October, but 200 less than last year's figure of 8,200.

Service producing employment was estimated at 49,800 for November. This was 200 more than October, but 100 less than November, 1992. Trade reflected gains of 300 from October and 500 from November one year ago. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment had a minimal loss of 100 over the month.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

|  |  |  |  | Net Change From |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Nov. 1993* | Oct. 1993** | Nov. 1992** | Oct. 1993 | Nov. 1992 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 540.4 | 537.2 | 540.7 | + 3.2 | - 0.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 79.3 | 79.1 | 81.4 | + 0.2 | - 2.1 |
| MINING | 12.2 | 12.4 | 13.7 | - 0.2 | - 1.5 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 11.8 | 12.0 | 13.4 | - 0.2 | - 1.6 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 23.9 | 23.7 | 23.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 43.2 | 43.0 | 44.4 | + 0.2 | - 1.2 |
| Durable Goods | 21.3 | 21.2 | 22.5 | + 0.1 | - 1.2 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.9 | 0 | - 0.9 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.5 | 9.5 | 10.0 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| Other Durable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 21.9 | 21.8 | 21.9 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 461.1 | 458.1 | 459.3 | + 3.0 | + 1.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 39.5 | 39.5 | 40.1 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 10.5 | 10.4 | 10.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.6 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 137.1 | 135.8 | 138.1 | + 1.3 | - 1.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 32.1 | 32.3 | 31.5 | - 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.1 | 17.2 | 17.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.0 | 15.1 | 14.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Retail Trade | 105.0 | 103.5 | 106.6 | + 1.5 | - 1.6 |
| General Merchandise | 12.2 | 11.8 | 13.1 | + 0.4 | - 0.9 |
| Food Stores | 20.1 | 20.0 | 21.1 | + 0.1 | - 1.0 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 37.9 | 37.6 | 37.2 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 29.1 | 29.2 | 28.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Banking | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 162.2 | 160.4 | 157.9 | + 1.8 | + 4.3 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 14.2 | 13.6 | 14.1 | + 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| Health Services | 46.0 | 45.9 | 45.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Educational Services | 18.6 | 18.6 | 17.6 | 0 | + 1.0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 93.2 | 93.2 | 94.3 | 0 | - 1.1 |
| Federal | 16.5 | 16.5 | 16.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 76.7 | 76.7 | 77.7 | 0 | - 1.0 |
| State | 20.6 | 20.6 | 21.5 | 0 | - 0.9 |
| Local | 56.1 | 56.1 | 56.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA in November was estimated at 540,400, an increase of 3,200 over the October revised estimate, but 300 below November, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 79,300 for November. This was 200 more than last month, but 2,100 less than the year-ago figure. Mining exhibited an over-the-month decrease of 200 in the oil and gas extraction segment. Construction rose mainly due to more business in the general building, and special trade contractors segments. Manufacturing payrolls showed a small increase in both the durable and nondurable goods sectors.

Employment in the service producing industry was estimated at 461,100 for November. This estimate was 3,000 more than October and 1,800 higher than November one year ago. Trade was up due to seasonal hiring for holiday shopping at retail stores. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment was down 100 in the insurance sector. Services, which registered the largest over-the-month gain, was up by 1,800 mostly in the hotels and other lodging places, and amusement and recreation services segments. Transportation, communications, and public utilities; and government employment held steady in November.

An estimated 29,600 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $540.60 per week, down $23.17 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 42.5, down 0.8 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $12.72, down $0.30 from October, but $0.53 higher than November of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 40,900 in November. The unemployment rate registered 7.3 percent. Recipients of regular U. I. Benefits totaled 7,145.

## SHREVEPORT AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Nov. 1993* | Oct. 1993** | Nov. 1992** | Net Change From Oct. 1993 | Net Change From Nov. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 142.2 | 142.1 | 140.0 | + 0.1 | + 2.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 27.3 | 27.2 | 26.3 | + 0.1 | + 1.0 |
| MINING | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.8 | 7.6 | 6.5 | + 0.2 | + 1.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16.9 | 17.0 | 17.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 11.1 | 11.2 | 11.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Durable Goods | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 114.9 | 114.9 | 113.7 | 0 | + 1.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 7.6 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 34.2 | 34.3 | 34.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 25.8 | 25.9 | 25.6 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 37.6 | 37.5 | 36.6 | + 0.1 | + 1.0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 28.8 | 28.8 | 28.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 23.7 | 23.7 | 23.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 15.9 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |

## SHREVEPORT AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport MSA during November was estimated at 142,200, an increase of 100 from the October revised estimate and 2,200 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 27,300, a gain of 100 from the October estimate of 27,200. Construction was up by 200, with the job growth centered in the special trade contractors sector. Manufacturing had a minimal loss of 100.

Service producing employment was unchanged from the October level of 114,900, and compared to a year ago, this sector is up by 1,200 jobs overall. Trade had a minimal loss of 100, while services showed a minimal gain of 100.

An estimated 12,600 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $637.14 in November, compared to $639.00 in October, and $584.05 a year ago. Average weekly hours dropped to 44.4 in November, compared to 45.0 in October and 40.7 a year ago. Average hourly earnings increased to $14.35 in November from the October level of $14.20, but was unchanged from the November, 1992 figure.

The Shreveport MSA had a civilian labor force in November of 157,300, including 146,000 employed and 11,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate was 7.2 percent.

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF NOVEMBER 1993

| | LOUISIANA | | | ALEXANDRIA AREA | | | BATON ROUGE AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE |
| Mining (10-14) | 834 | 652 | 182 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 24 | 14 | 10 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 6,951 | 4,734 | 2,217 | 204 | 142 | 62 | 1,657 | 1,159 | 498 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 3,417 | 1,769 | 1,648 | 100 | 53 | 47 | 269 | 158 | 111 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 1,250 | 725 | 525 | 32 | 25 | 7 | 149 | 89 | 60 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 906 | 649 | 257 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 156 | 116 | 40 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 3,875 | 2,028 | 1,847 | 101 | 68 | 33 | 538 | 240 | 298 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 903 | 673 | 230 | 20 | 19 | 1 | 118 | 90 | 28 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 7,426 | 3,931 | 3,495 | 215 | 121 | 94 | 924 | 465 | 459 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 1,296 | 608 | 688 | 72 | 36 | 36 | 130 | 55 | 75 |
| All Others | 157 | 78 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 46 | 51 |
| Totals | 27,015 | 15,847 | 11,168 | 766 | 486 | 280 | 4,062 | 2,432 | 1,630 |
| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 4,130 | 3,057 | 1,073 | 87 | 69 | 18 | 731 | 523 | 208 |
| Clerical and Sales | 6,444 | 4,267 | 2,177 | 161 | 127 | 34 | 885 | 537 | 348 |
| Services Occupations | 3,146 | 892 | 2,254 | 129 | 46 | 83 | 256 | 64 | 192 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related | 327 | 96 | 231 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 19 | 13 | 6 |
| Processing Occupations | 516 | 224 | 292 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 43 | 23 | 20 |
| Machine Trades | 1,296 | 855 | 441 | 84 | 66 | 18 | 152 | 107 | 45 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 789 | 364 | 425 | 23 | 6 | 17 | 43 | 27 | 16 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 6,909 | 4,406 | 2,503 | 192 | 124 | 68 | 1,556 | 993 | 563 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 3,458 | 1,686 | 1,772 | 67 | 37 | 30 | 377 | 145 | 232 |
| Totals | 27,015 | 15,847 | 11,168 | 766 | 486 | 280 | 4,062 | 2,432 | 1,630 |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF NOVEMBER 1993

| | HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA | | | LAFAYETTE AREA | | | LAKE CHARLES AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** |
| Mining (10-14) | 60 | 55 | 5 | 114 | 92 | 22 | 20 | 17 | 3 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 190 | 146 | 44 | 116 | 78 | 38 | 500 | 402 | 98 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 128 | 85 | 43 | 122 | 64 | 58 | 87 | 55 | 32 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 47 | 41 | 6 | 37 | 25 | 12 | 43 | 30 | 13 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 31 | 30 | 1 | 45 | 33 | 12 | 24 | 15 | 9 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 107 | 72 | 35 | 200 | 115 | 85 | 146 | 94 | 52 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 16 | 14 | 2 | 46 | 40 | 6 | 36 | 33 | 3 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 172 | 124 | 48 | 297 | 201 | 96 | 228 | 149 | 79 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 37 | 20 | 17 | 62 | 44 | 18 | 18 | 8 | 10 |
| All Others | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 789 | 588 | 201 | 1,041 | 694 | 347 | 1,104 | 803 | 301 |
| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 114 | 100 | 14 | 202 | 169 | 33 | 145 | 117 | 28 |
| Clerical and Sales | 174 | 135 | 39 | 292 | 236 | 56 | 259 | 205 | 54 |
| Services Occupations | 71 | 42 | 29 | 150 | 51 | 99 | 92 | 37 | 55 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ. | 7 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 22 | 8 | 14 |
| Processing Occupations | 28 | 10 | 18 | 51 | 26 | 25 | 25 | 15 | 10 |
| Machine Trades | 44 | 33 | 11 | 26 | 17 | 9 | 36 | 26 | 10 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 6 | 3 | 3 | 41 | 18 | 23 | 25 | 14 | 11 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 242 | 188 | 54 | 138 | 103 | 35 | 379 | 300 | 79 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 103 | 75 | 28 | 130 | 68 | 62 | 121 | 81 | 40 |
| Totals | 789 | 588 | 201 | 1,041 | 694 | 347 | 1,104 | 803 | 301 |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF NOVEMBER 1993

| | MONROE AREA | | | NEW ORLEANS AREA | | | SHREVEPORT AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** |
| Mining (10-14) | 8 | 8 | 0 | 189 | 136 | 53 | 43 | 31 | 12 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 161 | 121 | 40 | 1,254 | 755 | 499 | 314 | 175 | 139 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 74 | 51 | 23 | 732 | 405 | 327 | 330 | 166 | 164 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 18 | 9 | 9 | 541 | 257 | 284 | 130 | 75 | 55 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 12 | 10 | 2 | 309 | 204 | 105 | 119 | 81 | 38 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 157 | 84 | 73 | 1,401 | 651 | 750 | 348 | 149 | 199 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 28 | 17 | 11 | 401 | 284 | 117 | 105 | 70 | 35 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 263 | 151 | 112 | 3,005 | 1,469 | 1,536 | 671 | 300 | 371 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 46 | 17 | 29 | 345 | 128 | 217 | 88 | 40 | 48 |
| All Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 767 | 468 | 299 | 8,199 | 4,303 | 3,896 | 2,150 | 1,088 | 1,062 |
| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 89 | 66 | 23 | 1,703 | 1,182 | 521 | 267 | 225 | 42 |
| Clerical and Sales | 243 | 164 | 79 | 2,456 | 1,474 | 982 | 610 | 374 | 236 |
| Services Occupations | 103 | 25 | 78 | 1,219 | 272 | 947 | 341 | 48 | 293 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 18 | 41 | 28 | 2 | 26 |
| Processing Occupations | 4 | 1 | 3 | 106 | 39 | 67 | 24 | 2 | 22 |
| Machine Trades | 49 | 26 | 23 | 267 | 178 | 89 | 132 | 85 | 47 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 9 | 5 | 4 | 104 | 49 | 55 | 121 | 48 | 73 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 112 | 91 | 21 | 1,394 | 736 | 658 | 344 | 184 | 160 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 158 | 90 | 68 | 891 | 355 | 536 | 283 | 120 | 163 |
| Totals | 767 | 468 | 299 | 8,199 | 4,303 | 3,896 | 2,150 | 1,088 | 1,062 |

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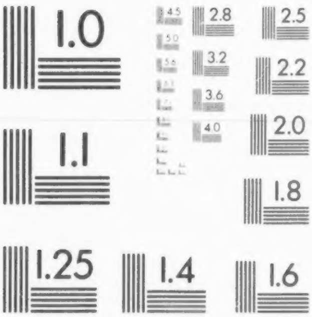
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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment was estimated at 1,648,700 for December, an increase of 1,800 from the November revised level of 1,646,900 and an increase of 9,500 from the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 332,200, showed a decrease of 400 from the month-ago figure, but an increase of 1,900 from the year-ago level. Mining remained unchanged over the month. Construction employment escalated in the heavy construction segment due to more business. Seasonal declines in durable and nondurable goods caused manufacturing employment to drop by 1,600 for December.

Service producing employment moved to a level of 1,316,500, up by 2,200 from November and 7,600 from December, 1992. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down 100 for December. Trade employment rose due to seasonal hiring in the retail segment. Small gains in banking, and insurance employment expanded finance, insurance, and real estate by 200. Amusement and recreation services exhibited the largest increase in the services industry. Government employment was lower due to a reduction in state education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 135,500 production workers in manufacturing increased from $548.68 in November to $555.12 in December, an increase of $6.44, and an increase of $1.93 from December of last year. Average hourly earnings were nine cents higher than November and $0.22 higher than December, 1992. Average weekly hours for December were 43.2, an increase of 0.2 hours from the November revised level of 43.0 hours.

The December preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.1 percent, a decrease from the November revised rate of 8.5 percent. The national unemployment rate for December remained the same as the November rate of 6.4 percent. Total unemployment for December decreased to 134,300. Claims for unemployment insurance increased, but the increase was considerably less than is normal for this time of the year. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,881,500, with an increase in total employment to 1,747,200.

## LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Dec. 1993* | Nov. 1993** | Dec. 1992** | Net Change From Nov. 1993 | Net Change From Dec. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 1,648.7 | 1,646.9 | 1,639.2 | + 1.8 | + 9.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 332.2 | 332.6 | 330.3 | - 0.4 | + 1.9 |
| MINING | 43.6 | 43.6 | 44.4 | 0 | - 0.8 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 41.8 | 41.8 | 42.6 | 0 | - 0.8 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 103.2 | 102.0 | 100.2 | + 1.2 | + 3.0 |
| General Contractors | 18.6 | 19.0 | 18.6 | - 0.4 | 0 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 41.7 | 40.5 | 39.6 | + 1.2 | + 2.1 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 42.9 | 42.5 | 42.0 | + 0.4 | + 0.9 |
| MANUFACTURING | 185.4 | 187.0 | 185.7 | - 1.6 | - 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 80.5 | 80.8 | 80.4 | - 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 12.5 | 12.6 | 12.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.5 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 14.7 | 14.6 | 14.7 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.8 | 12.9 | 12.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.7 | 21.7 | 21.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 104.9 | 106.2 | 105.3 | - 1.3 | - 0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 21.7 | 22.9 | 21.1 | - 1.2 | + 0.6 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.2 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.3 | 30.3 | 30.6 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 1,316.5 | 1,314.3 | 1,308.9 | + 2.2 | + 7.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 104.1 | 104.2 | 105.5 | - 0.1 | - 1.4 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 61.6 | 61.6 | 61.9 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Water Transportation | 23.2 | 23.2 | 23.4 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.7 | 37.8 | 38.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.7 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.5 | 15.6 | 15.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.7 | 0 | - 0.5 |

## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec. 1993* | Nov. 1993** | Dec. 1992** | Nov. 1993 | Dec. 1992 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 385.4 | 384.1 | 385.7 | + 1.3 | - 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 86.6 | 86.5 | 86.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.3 | 47.2 | 47.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 39.3 | 39.3 | 39.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 298.8 | 297.6 | 299.3 | + 1.2 | - 0.5 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| General Merchandise | 41.6 | 41.1 | 41.7 | + 0.5 | - 0.1 |
| Food Stores | 59.8 | 59.8 | 59.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 31.4 | 31.4 | 31.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 16.7 | 16.4 | 17.2 | + 0.3 | - 0.5 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 96.0 | 95.9 | 96.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Retail Trade | 32.4 | 32.1 | 32.6 | + 0.3 | - 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 77.0 | 76.8 | 77.5 | + 0.2 | - 0.5 |
| Banking | 27.4 | 27.3 | 27.4 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Insurance | 26.0 | 25.9 | 26.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| SERVICES | 402.2 | 401.1 | 398.8 | + 1.1 | + 3.4 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 21.8 | 22.0 | 21.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Personal Services | 13.8 | 13.8 | 14.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Business Services | 64.1 | 64.2 | 64.1 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 15.0 | 14.1 | 13.8 | + 0.9 | + 1.2 |
| Health Services | 134.9 | 134.7 | 135.1 | + 0.2 | - 0.2 |
| Hospitals | 58.7 | 58.6 | 58.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Legal Services | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Educational Services | 28.6 | 28.6 | 26.7 | 0 | + 1.9 |
| Social Services | 24.6 | 24.6 | 24.4 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.4 | 26.4 | 26.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 28.1 | 28.0 | 27.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 347.8 | 348.1 | 341.4 | - 0.3 | + 6.4 |
| Federal | 37.4 | 37.4 | 37.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 310.4 | 310.7 | 304.0 | - 0.3 | + 6.4 |
| State | 110.8 | 111.1 | 109.6 | - 0.3 | + 1.2 |
| Local | 199.6 | 199.6 | 194.4 | 0 | + 5.2 |

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec. '93* | Nov. '93** | Dec. '92** | Dec. '93* | Nov. '93** | Dec. '92** | Dec. '93* | Nov. '93** | Dec. '92** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $555.12 | $548.68 | $553.19 | 43.2 | 43.0 | 43.8 | $12.85 | $12.76 | $12.63 |
| Durable Goods | 510.78 | 503.80 | 505.39 | 44.3 | 44.0 | 44.1 | 11.53 | 11.45 | 11.46 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 439.85 | 409.96 | 399.62 | 46.3 | 45.2 | 44.7 | 9.50 | 9.07 | 8.94 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 470.02 | 451.50 | 454.30 | 44.3 | 43.0 | 41.3 | 10.61 | 10.50 | 11.00 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 443.64 | 457.52 | 491.89 | 41.5 | 43.0 | 43.3 | 10.69 | 10.64 | 11.36 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 534.52 | 487.01 | 507.93 | 46.0 | 43.6 | 46.9 | 11.62 | 11.17 | 10.83 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 839.58 | 873.78 | 836.86 | 47.3 | 47.8 | 46.7 | 17.75 | 18.28 | 17.92 |
| Transportation Equipment | 542.96 | 550.73 | 538.48 | 44.0 | 44.2 | 42.4 | 12.34 | 12.46 | 12.70 |
| Nondurable Goods | 591.35 | 585.31 | 593.40 | 42.3 | 42.2 | 43.6 | 13.98 | 13.87 | 13.61 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 342.35 | 339.90 | 341.14 | 41.0 | 41.1 | 41.4 | 8.35 | 8.27 | 8.24 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 216.81 | 206.31 | 242.30 | 32.9 | 32.8 | 37.8 | 6.59 | 6.29 | 6.41 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 671.76 | 646.88 | 637.87 | 43.2 | 41.6 | 43.6 | 15.55 | 15.55 | 14.63 |
| Printing & Publishing | 462.95 | 454.35 | 450.72 | 39.3 | 38.8 | 40.1 | 11.78 | 11.71 | 11.24 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 887.17 | 881.72 | 846.40 | 46.4 | 46.9 | 46.1 | 19.12 | 18.80 | 18.36 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 889.35 | 957.23 | 964.80 | 46.2 | 46.9 | 49.3 | 19.25 | 20.41 | 19.57 |
| Petroleum Refining | 910.60 | 988.34 | 998.98 | 46.2 | 47.7 | 50.2 | 19.71 | 20.72 | 19.90 |
| **MINING** | 647.59 | 632.60 | 650.23 | 48.4 | 47.6 | 49.0 | 13.38 | 13.29 | 13.27 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 593.27 | 593.00 | 562.59 | 41.0 | 40.7 | 40.3 | 14.47 | 14.57 | 13.96 |
| **BANKING** | 326.63 | 322.65 | 307.38 | 37.5 | 37.3 | 35.7 | 8.71 | 8.65 | 8.61 |

**(1)** Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **135,500** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **80,400** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec. '93* | Nov. '93** | Dec. '92** | Dec. '93* | Nov. '93** | Dec. '92** | Dec. '93* | Nov. '93** | Dec. '92** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $669.60 | $645.45 | $644.81 | 45.0 | 43.7 | 44.5 | $14.88 | $14.77 | $14.49 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 912.97 | 876.92 | 892.86 | 47.9 | 46.3 | 47.9 | 19.06 | 18.94 | 18.64 |

**(1)** Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,900** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $546.94 | $536.36 | $525.64 | 43.1 | 42.4 | 42.7 | $12.69 | $12.65 | $12.31 |
| Durable Goods | 467.42 | 457.52 | 430.35 | 43.2 | 42.6 | 41.3 | 10.82 | 10.74 | 10.42 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 485.94 | 461.07 | 441.81 | 44.5 | 42.3 | 43.4 | 10.92 | 10.90 | 10.18 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 457.03 | 434.48 | 436.36 | 42.2 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 10.83 | 10.52 | 10.54 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 408.24 | 423.02 | 385.23 | 42.0 | 42.6 | 48.6 | 9.72 | 9.93 | 9.98 |
| Nondurable Goods | 620.06 | 607.68 | 619.16 | 43.0 | 42.2 | 44.1 | 14.42 | 14.40 | 14.04 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 403.20 | 400.56 | 387.32 | 42.0 | 41.9 | 42.1 | 9.60 | 9.56 | 9.20 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 203.79 | 172.06 | 189.38 | 34.6 | 30.4 | 35.2 | 5.89 | 5.66 | 5.38 |
| Printing & Publishing | 476.30 | 488.59 | 465.89 | 42.3 | 43.2 | 42.2 | 11.26 | 11.31 | 11.04 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 974.74 | 1,020.90 | 942.81 | 45.4 | 49.2 | 49.7 | 21.47 | 20.75 | 18.97 |

**(1)** Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **30,000** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $610.96 | $635.04 | $604.03 | 43.3 | 44.1 | 41.4 | $14.11 | $14.40 | $14.59 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 355.81 | 341.73 | 343.37 | 44.7 | 43.7 | 43.3 | 7.96 | 7.82 | 7.93 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 401.63 | 428.78 | 363.62 | 35.7 | 36.9 | 32.7 | 11.25 | 11.62 | 11.12 |
| Printing and Publishing | 391.79 | 377.00 | 383.96 | 38.6 | 37.7 | 39.1 | 10.15 | 10.00 | 9.82 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 694.35 | 744.20 | 614.25 | 45.0 | 46.6 | 41.9 | 15.43 | 15.97 | 14.66 |

**(1)** Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **12,400** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| (in thousands) | PRELIMINARY Dec., 1993 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | REVISED Nov., 1993 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | REVISED Dec., 1992 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)** | 1,881.5 | 1,747.2 | 134.3 | 7.1 | 1,893.0 | 1,732.4 | 160.6 | 8.5 | 1,886.2 | 1,732.4 | 153.8 | 8.2 |
| **LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)** | 1,854.2 | 1,730.9 | 123.3 | 6.7 | 1,890.1 | 1,742.4 | 147.7 | 7.8 | 1,857.3 | 1,716.2 | 141.1 | 7.6 |
| **METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria 1/ | 56.8 | 53.2 | 3.6 | 6.3 | 57.7 | 53.5 | 4.2 | 7.3 | 56.1 | 52.2 | 3.9 | 7.0 |
| Baton Rouge 2/ | 271.7 | 255.0 | 16.7 | 6.1 | 278.0 | 257.5 | 20.5 | 7.4 | 272.4 | 255.0 | 17.4 | 6.4 |
| Houma - Thibodaux 3/ | 68.0 | 63.4 | 4.6 | 6.8 | 68.6 | 63.7 | 4.9 | 7.1 | 67.4 | 61.8 | 5.6 | 8.3 |
| Lafayette 4/ | 103.8 | 98.7 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 105.9 | 99.4 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 103.7 | 97.3 | 6.4 | 6.2 |
| Lake Charles 5/ | 81.7 | 76.4 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 82.7 | 75.8 | 6.9 | 8.3 | 79.3 | 72.4 | 6.9 | 8.7 |
| Monroe 6/ | 66.9 | 63.0 | 3.9 | 5.8 | 68.7 | 63.9 | 4.8 | 7.0 | 67.9 | 63.5 | 4.4 | 6.5 |
| New Orleans 7/ | 550.8 | 517.2 | 33.6 | 6.1 | 561.2 | 519.9 | 41.3 | 7.4 | 555.9 | 518.7 | 37.2 | 6.7 |
| Shreveport 8/ | 154.1 | 144.3 | 9.8 | 6.3 | 157.2 | 145.9 | 11.3 | 7.2 | 152.5 | 142.5 | 10.0 | 6.5 |

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1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. 1993 | 145.8 | 0 | + 2.7 |
| Dec. 1992 | 141.9 | - 0.1 | + 2.9 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

|  | PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 93 |  |  |  | REVISED NOVEMBER 93 |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AREA | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE |
| CROWLEY (ACADIA) | 20,650 | 18,975 | 1,675 | 8.1 | 20,925 | 18,950 | 1,975 | 9.5 |
| OAKDALE (ALLEN) | 9,825 | 8,975 | 850 | 8.6 | 9,900 | 8,875 | 1,025 | 10.3 |
| NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION) | 5,800 | 5,075 | 725 | 12.4 | 5,825 | 5,100 | 725 | 12.2 |
| BUNKIE (AVOYELLES) | 15,800 | 14,175 | 1,625 | 10.2 | 16,425 | 14,675 | 1,750 | 10.7 |
| DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD) | 13,875 | 12,950 | 925 | 6.7 | 14,075 | 12,900 | 1,175 | 8.4 |
| ARCADIA (BIENVILLE) | 6,725 | 6,350 | 375 | 5.8 | 6,850 | 6,400 | 450 | 6.5 |
| COLUMBIA (CALDWELL) | 4,200 | 3,875 | 325 | 7.5 | 4,200 | 3,850 | 350 | 8.4 |
| CAMERON (CAMERON) | 3,925 | 3,725 | 200 | 5.4 | 4,025 | 3,750 | 275 | 6.9 |
| JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA) | 3,900 | 3,475 | 425 | 10.7 | 3,850 | 3,400 | 450 | 11.7 |
| HOMER (CLAIBORNE) | 6,700 | 6,300 | 400 | 6.1 | 6,825 | 6,325 | 500 | 7.3 |
| FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA) | 8,075 | 7,175 | 900 | 11.1 | 8,075 | 7,175 | 900 | 11.1 |
| MANSFIELD (DESOTO) | 10,425 | 9,700 | 725 | 7.0 | 10,600 | 9,725 | 875 | 8.2 |
| LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL) | 3,675 | 3,175 | 500 | 13.8 | 3,650 | 3,150 | 500 | 13.6 |
| CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA) | 6,775 | 6,300 | 475 | 7.2 | 7,000 | 6,400 | 600 | 8.7 |
| VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE) | 14,200 | 13,275 | 925 | 6.5 | 14,400 | 13,325 | 1,075 | 7.5 |
| WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN) | 9,975 | 8,975 | 1,000 | 10.0 | 10,125 | 9,000 | 1,125 | 11.2 |
| COLFAX (GRANT) | 6,200 | 5,650 | 550 | 8.9 | 6,625 | 5,975 | 650 | 9.8 |
| NEW IBERIA (IBERIA) | 25,625 | 23,825 | 1,800 | 7.0 | 26,050 | 23,975 | 2,075 | 8.0 |
| PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE) | 11,525 | 10,325 | 1,200 | 10.5 | 11,850 | 10,450 | 1,400 | 11.9 |
| JONESBORO (JACKSON) | 6,175 | 5,850 | 325 | 5.2 | 6,325 | 5,900 | 425 | 6.8 |
| JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS) | 10,475 | 9,575 | 900 | 8.6 | 10,600 | 9,550 | 1,050 | 9.9 |
| JENA (LASALLE) | 5,775 | 5,325 | 450 | 7.9 | 5,975 | 5,425 | 550 | 9.1 |
| RUSTON (LINCOLN) | 19,575 | 18,975 | 600 | 3.0 | 20,000 | 19,250 | 750 | 3.8 |
| TALLULAH (MADISON) | 5,575 | 5,050 | 525 | 9.7 | 5,575 | 5,025 | 550 | 9.7 |
| BASTROP (MOREHOUSE) | 13,150 | 11,875 | 1,275 | 9.7 | 13,475 | 12,025 | 1,450 | 10.7 |
| NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES) | 16,475 | 15,350 | 1,125 | 6.8 | 16,700 | 15,450 | 1,250 | 7.4 |
| POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.) | 7,675 | 7,125 | 550 | 7.3 | 7,875 | 7,175 | 700 | 8.8 |
| NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE) | 6,650 | 5,875 | 775 | 11.8 | 6,725 | 5,850 | 875 | 13.0 |
| COUSHATTA (RED RIVER) | 3,975 | 3,625 | 350 | 8.8 | 4,000 | 3,625 | 375 | 9.6 |
| RAYVILLE (RICHLAND) | 8,025 | 7,275 | 750 | 9.4 | 8,150 | 7,250 | 900 | 11.0 |
| MANY (SABINE) | 10,250 | 9,675 | 575 | 5.7 | 10,400 | 9,725 | 675 | 6.4 |
| GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA) | 2,600 | 2,375 | 225 | 9.0 | 2,675 | 2,400 | 275 | 10.7 |
| LUTCHER (ST. JAMES) | 7,675 | 6,800 | 875 | 11.5 | 7,850 | 6,825 | 1,025 | 13.0 |
| OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY) | 31,050 | 28,350 | 2,700 | 8.7 | 31,525 | 28,400 | 3,125 | 9.9 |
| MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY) | 21,150 | 19,375 | 1,775 | 8.4 | 21,325 | 19,300 | 2,025 | 9.5 |
| HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA) | 41,025 | 37,550 | 3,475 | 8.5 | 41,725 | 37,600 | 4,125 | 9.9 |
| ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS) | 2,475 | 2,225 | 250 | 10.1 | 2,500 | 2,200 | 300 | 12.3 |
| FARMERVILLE (UNION) | 10,400 | 9,825 | 575 | 5.5 | 10,675 | 9,925 | 750 | 7.1 |
| ABBEVILLE (VERMILION) | 17,625 | 16,325 | 1,300 | 7.4 | 17,900 | 16,375 | 1,525 | 8.6 |
| LEESVILLE (VERNON) | 17,950 | 16,400 | 1,550 | 8.6 | 18,625 | 16,750 | 1,875 | 10.1 |
| BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON) | 16,975 | 15,850 | 1,125 | 6.6 | 17,450 | 15,950 | 1,500 | 8.6 |
| MINDEN (WEBSTER) | 16,200 | 14,500 | 1,700 | 10.5 | 16,475 | 14,525 | 1,950 | 11.8 |
| OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL) | 3,925 | 3,200 | 725 | 18.7 | 4,400 | 3,725 | 675 | 15.4 |
| ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.) | 4,225 | 3,925 | 300 | 7.1 | 4,275 | 3,975 | 300 | 6.9 |
| WINNFIELD (WINN) | 5,475 | 5,150 | 325 | 5.8 | 5,625 | 5,200 | 425 | 7.4 |

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

## ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | Dec. 1993* | Nov. 1993** | Dec. 1992** | Net Change From Nov. 1993 | Net Change From Dec. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 49.1 | 48.9 | 48.0 | + 0.2 | + 1.1 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.2 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| MINING | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 42.5 | 42.2 | 41.8 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 8.9 | 8.8 | 9.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 13.7 | 13.6 | 13.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Health Services | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 0 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.3 | 13.2 | 13.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| State | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 0 | + 0.3 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA, at 49,100 during December, was up 200 from the November revised estimate, and 1,100 higher than the year-ago level. Positive movement was noted in most segments, with the exception of manufacturing.

Goods producing employment, at 6,600, decreased by 100 from November. Manufacturing reported the only loss. It was due to a reduction of force in the fabricated metals industry. Both mining and construction remained unchanged from November.

Service producing employment was estimated at 42,500, an increase of 300 from November. Seasonal or temporary gains were reported in both the trade and services industries. Government moved upward to 13,300, as a result of staff increases in state government.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Dec. 1993* | Nov. 1993** | Dec. 1992** | Net Change From Nov. 1993 | Net Change From Dec. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 251.7 | 251.9 | 251.2 | - 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 54.5 | 53.7 | 55.0 | + 0.8 | - 0.5 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30.6 | 29.8 | 30.5 | + 0.8 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 23.0 | 23.0 | 23.6 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| Durable Goods | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.6 | 17.5 | 17.7 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.5 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 197.2 | 198.2 | 196.2 | - 1.0 | + 1.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.7 | 11.6 | 11.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 55.4 | 55.2 | 54.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.4 | 13.4 | 13.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 42.0 | 41.8 | 41.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.7 |
| General Merchandise | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.4 | 14.4 | 14.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Banking | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 59.3 | 59.2 | 58.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 56.4 | 57.8 | 56.8 | - 1.4 | - 0.4 |
| Federal | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 53.6 | 55.0 | 54.1 | - 1.4 | - 0.5 |
| State | 29.7 | 31.0 | 30.3 | - 1.3 | - 0.6 |
| Local | 23.9 | 24.0 | 23.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA, at 251,700 during December, was down 200 from the November revised estimate, but was up by 500 from the year-ago level. This employment change was primarily due to seasonal factors.

Goods producing employment, at 54,500, increased by 800 from November, but was 500 less than the year-ago estimate. Construction employment moved upward to a level of 30,600, in preparation of future casino operations. General contractors nonresidential and heavy construction both reported significant gains in December. Manufacturing employment remained stable for December due to losses in other durable goods being offset by gains in the chemicals and petroleum industry. Mining employment remained unchanged at 900.

Service producing employment, at 197,200, decreased by 1,000 from November, but was 1,000 higher than the year-ago level. The entire decrease was centered in government due to seasonal, nonfaculty reductions at state and local educational institutions. Increases in transportation, communications, and public utilities were also seasonal in nature, as most segments reported more business activity. Trade continued to move upward, affected by Christmas hiring, and expanding business in retail grocery, and eating and drinking places. The services sector was also on the upturn, aided by minimal growth scattered throughout the sector.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,900 production workers in all manufacturing was $669.60 for December, an increase of $24.15 from the November average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $24.79. Average weekly hours, at 45.0, increased by 1.3 hours in December, while average hourly earnings increased by $0.11 an hour. A longer work week contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 271,700. This figure was comprised of 255,000 employed and 16,700 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 6.1 percent in December.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,645 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,269 referrals to current openings resulted in 100 placements during the month of December.

## HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Dec. 1993* | Nov. 1993** | Dec. 1992** | Net Change From Nov. 1993 | Net Change From Dec. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 60.0 | 59.7 | 57.9 | + 0.3 | + 2.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 12.8 | 13.0 | 11.9 | - 0.2 | + 0.9 |
| MINING | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 47.2 | 46.7 | 46.0 | + 0.5 | + 1.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.8 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Water Transportation | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.2 | 15.1 | 15.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.3 | 12.2 | 11.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.8 | 11.7 | 11.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| State | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 8.3 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 0 | + 0.4 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA experienced a gain of 300 from November's revised level of 59,700. The goods producing industry dropped by 200, while service producing gained 500. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 2,100 from December, 1992.

Goods producing pared back from a level of 13,000 in November, to 12,800 in December. Mining and manufacturing each had a loss of 100, while construction remained stable.

Service producing employment grew by 500 from November's estimate of 46,700. The growth was scattered throughout the industry, and was not concentrated in any particular sector.

December's estimated unemployment was 4,600. Unemployment presently comprises 6.8 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 722.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec. 1993* | Nov. 1993** | Dec. 1992** | Nov. 1993 | Dec. 1992 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 103.1 | 102.8 | 101.2 | + 0.3 | + 1.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 26.6 | 26.3 | 25.7 | + 0.3 | + 0.9 |
| MINING | 10.7 | 10.8 | 10.7 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.2 | + 0.3 | + 0.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 10.1 | 10.0 | 9.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 76.5 | 76.5 | 75.5 | 0 | + 1.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.2 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 27.0 | 26.9 | 26.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 20.5 | 20.4 | 20.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| General Merchandise | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 25.5 | 25.7 | 24.9 | - 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 14.0 | 14.0 | 13.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 8.0 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 103,100 for December. This estimate was 300 more than last month and 1,900 more than December, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,600 for the current month. This was an increase of 300 over the November level of 26,300. Construction increased by 300 due to more employment activity in the building construction-general contractors sector, and special trade contractors sector. Manufacturing rose 100 with the increase centered in the durable goods sector. Mining had a minor decline of 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 76,500 for December. This estimate was unchanged from last month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities rose 100, primarily due to the trucking industry. Trade was up by 100, with the gain centered in the clothing stores sector, and garden supply and mobile home dealers sector. Services was down 200, mostly due to a decrease in the social, and agricultural services sectors.

### LAKE CHARLES AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Dec. 1993* | Nov. 1993** | Dec. 1992** | Net Change From Nov. 1993 | Net Change From Dec. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 75.2 | 73.8 | 70.7 | + 1.4 | + 4.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 21.8 | 21.5 | 20.2 | + 0.3 | + 1.6 |
| **MINING** | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| **CONSTRUCTION** | 9.6 | 9.4 | 8.5 | + 0.2 | + 1.1 |
| **MANUFACTURING** | 11.2 | 11.1 | 10.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| **Durable Goods** | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **Chemical & Petro Products** | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 53.4 | 52.3 | 50.5 | + 1.1 | + 2.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.8 | 16.8 | 16.3 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 13.4 | 13.4 | 12.7 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 17.1 | 15.9 | 15.5 | + 1.2 | + 1.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.5 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| State | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA in December was estimated at 75,200. This was 1,400 above November's revised level of 73,800, and 4,500 more than December, one year ago.

Goods producing employment was up by 300 from the November level. The increase was in construction and manufacturing.

Service producing employment rose in December by 1,100 to a level of 53,400. The gain occurred mainly in the amusement and recreation services sector of the services industry.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Dec. 1993* | Nov. 1993** | Dec. 1992** | Net Change From Nov. 1993 | Net Change From Dec. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.6 | 61.7 | 61.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.8 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| MINING | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.0 | 7.9 | 8.2 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.7 | 5.6 | 6.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 49.8 | 49.9 | 49.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.6 | 15.7 | 15.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 0 | 0 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.8 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 15.0 | 15.0 | 14.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.6 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.5 | 11.5 | 12.1 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| State | 4.6 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Local | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 0 | - 0.2 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 61,600 for December. This was 100 below last month's figure of 61,700 and 300 below December of last year.

Goods producing remained the same over the month; however, employment was down 200 from the same period one year ago. Construction was lower by 200 from last month, but remained unchanged from last year's figure of 3,300.

Service producing employment, estimated at 49,800, was 100 below last month's and last year's estimates of 49,900. The only major industry to show an over-the-month change was trade, decreasing by 100 in the wholesale sector. The largest over-the-year changes occurred in services, with an increase of 300, and government, with a decrease of 600.

# NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Dec. 1993* | Nov. 1993** | Dec. 1992** | Net Change From Nov. 1993 | Net Change From Dec. 1992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 543.5 | 541.1 | 542.2 | + 2.4 | + 1.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 79.5 | 79.5 | 80.9 | 0 | - 1.4 |
| MINING | 12.4 | 12.3 | 13.8 | + 0.1 | - 1.4 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 12.0 | 11.9 | 13.4 | + 0.1 | - 1.4 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 24.1 | 24.0 | 22.8 | + 0.1 | + 1.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 43.0 | 43.2 | 44.3 | - 0.2 | - 1.3 |
| Durable Goods | 21.2 | 21.3 | 22.6 | - 0.1 | - 1.4 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 11.9 | 12.0 | 13.0 | - 0.1 | - 1.1 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.4 | 9.5 | 10.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| Other Durable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 21.8 | 21.9 | 21.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.4 | - 0.3 | 0 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 464.0 | 461.6 | 461.3 | + 2.4 | + 2.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 40.1 | 39.6 | 40.2 | + 0.5 | - 0.1 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 10.9 | 10.5 | 10.9 | + 0.4 | 0 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 138.5 | 137.0 | 140.2 | + 1.5 | - 1.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 32.2 | 32.2 | 31.6 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.1 | 15.1 | 14.6 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Retail Trade | 106.3 | 104.8 | 108.6 | + 1.5 | - 2.3 |
| General Merchandise | 12.7 | 12.2 | 13.7 | + 0.5 | - 1.0 |
| Food Stores | 20.6 | 20.2 | 21.0 | + 0.4 | - 0.4 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 37.6 | 37.7 | 37.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 29.3 | 29.1 | 28.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Banking | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 161.7 | 162.5 | 158.0 | - 0.8 | + 3.7 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 14.0 | 14.2 | 13.9 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Health Services | 46.3 | 46.1 | 45.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Educational Services | 18.4 | 18.6 | 17.4 | - 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 94.4 | 93.4 | 94.0 | + 1.0 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 16.9 | 16.6 | 16.6 | + 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| State and Local | 77.5 | 76.8 | 77.4 | + 0.7 | + 0.1 |
| State | 20.9 | 20.7 | 21.3 | + 0.2 | - 0.4 |
| Local | 56.6 | 56.1 | 56.1 | + 0.5 | + 0.5 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA in December was estimated at 543,500, an increase of 2,400 from the November revised level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 79,500 in December. This was the same as November's estimate, but was 1,400 less than December, 1992. Within the industry, mining and construction exhibited increases of 100 each, while manufacturing employment decreased, mostly due to a seasonal decline in several segments of the food and kindred products sector.

Service producing employment was 2,400 higher than the November figure of 461,600 and 2,700 above December, 1992. More business at the local port was mainly responsible for the employment growth in transportation, communications, and public utilities. Trade was up in the retail segment due to seasonal hiring for the holidays. Finance, insurance, and real estate payrolls were higher due to increases in the insurance, and real estate segments. Services employment decreased mainly due to less business for hotels and other lodging places, and a seasonal decrease in educational services. Government employment was up in each segment of the industry.

An estimated 30,000 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $546.94 per week, up $10.58 from last month's revised average. Average weekly hours were 43.1, up from 42.4 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $12.69, up from $12.65 in November and $12.31 in December of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 33,600 for December. The unemployment rate registered 6.1 prcent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 7,124.

## SHREVEPORT AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

|  |  |  |  | Net Change From |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Dec. 1993* | Nov. 1993** | Dec. 1992** | Nov. 1993 | Dec. 1992 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 142.1 | 142.3 | 140.4 | - 0.2 | + 1.7 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 27.1 | 27.3 | 26.4 | - 0.2 | + 0.7 |
| MINING | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.7 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 0 | + 1.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16.8 | 17.0 | 17.2 | - 0.2 | - 0.4 |
| Durable Goods | 11.0 | 11.2 | 11.4 | - 0.2 | - 0.4 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Other Durable Goods | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 115.0 | 115.0 | 114.0 | 0 | + 1.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 35.0 | 34.4 | 34.8 | + 0.6 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 26.6 | 26.0 | 26.3 | + 0.6 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 36.9 | 37.5 | 36.1 | - 0.6 | + 0.8 |
| GOVERNMENT | 28.9 | 28.8 | 28.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 23.8 | 23.7 | 23.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| State | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 16.0 | 15.9 | 15.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |

## SHREVEPORT AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport MSA was estimated at 142,100 for December. This estimate was 200 lower than the November revised figure of 142,300, but 1,700 higher than the December, 1992 figure of 140,400.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 27,100, was down 200 over the month. Manufacturing dropped by 200 due to a decrease in the durable goods sector.

Service producing employment was unchanged from the November level of 115,000, and compared to a year ago, this sector was up by 1,000 jobs overall. Trade was up by 600, with the increase centered in the building materials, department stores, food stores, eating and drinking places, and miscellaneous retail segments. Services fell by 600 mostly due to a drop in the amusement and recreation sector.

An estimated 12,400 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $610.96 in December, compared to $635.04 in November and $604.03 a year ago. Average weekly hours dropped to 43.3 in December, compared to 44.1 in November. Average hourly earnings declined to $14.11 for the current month, compared to $14.40 in November, and $14.59 a year ago.

The Shreveport MSA had a civilian labor force in December of 154,100, including 144,300 employed and 9,800 unemployed. The unemployment rate was 6.3 percent.

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Due to conversion to 1990 census and changes in estimating methodology the following changes have been incorporated into the January, 1994 data:

Houma-Thibodaux Area's name has been changed to Houma Area.

Lafayette Area has added Acadia and St. Landry parishes to the area.

New Orleans Area has added St. James and Plaquemines parishes to the area.

Shreveport Area's name has been changed to Shreveport-Bossier City Area, and Webster parish has been added.

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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during January was estimated at 1,627,200, a decrease of 30,500 employees from the December revised figure, but an increase of 12,100 from January of last year.

Employment in the goods producing industry was estimated at 322,200 for January. This was 10,000 below December's estimate, but 3,600 above January, 1993. Mining employment was down due to decreased activity in oil and gas exploration. Construction payrolls were lower in each segment due to project completions and adverse weather conditions. Both durable and nondurable goods displayed seasonal declines causing a negative movement in manufacturing.

Service producing employment, estimated at 1,305,000, was 20,500 less than December, but 8,500 higher than January, 1993. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down, mainly due to a decrease in water transportation. Seasonal decreases in retail trade accounted for the loss in trade employment. A decrease in the finance, insurance, and real estate industry was centered in the real estate segment. Services employment was lower due to less business for hotels and other lodging places, business, amusement and recreation, educational, and engineering and management services. Reductions in state education payrolls, and local government, other than education, resulted in a downturn in government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 135,000 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $562.03 in December to $556.42 in January, a decrease of $5.61 from December, but an increase $31.87 from January of last year. Average hourly earnings were one cent lower than December and $0.51 higher than January a year ago. Average weekly hours for January were 43.0, a decrease of 0.4 hours from the December revised level of 43.4 hours.

The January preliminary estimate reflects a redesign of the National Household Survey (CPS). Introduction of 1990 census population data is reflected in both the January preliminary and December revised figures. The January preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 8.5 percent, an increase from the December revised rate of 7.5 percent. The national unemployment rate for January was 6.7 percent, an increase from the December rate of 6.4 percent. An increase in the December to January rate is not unusual. Unemployment for January increased to 163,300. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,924,600 with an increase in total employment to 1,761,300.

# LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

|  | Jan. 1994* | Dec. 1993** | Jan. 1993** | Net Change From Dec. 1993 | Net Change From Jan. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 1,627.2 | 1,657.7 | 1,615.1 | -30.5 | +12.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 322.2 | 332.2 | 318.6 | -10.0 | + 3.6 |
| MINING | 44.6 | 45.8 | 46.0 | - 1.2 | - 1.4 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 42.8 | 44.0 | 44.2 | - 1.2 | - 1.4 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 93.0 | 98.6 | 89.5 | - 5.6 | + 3.5 |
| General Contractors | 15.1 | 15.9 | 14.2 | - 0.8 | + 0.9 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 37.3 | 39.8 | 35.7 | - 2.5 | + 1.6 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 40.6 | 42.9 | 39.6 | - 2.3 | + 1.0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 184.6 | 187.8 | 183.1 | - 3.2 | + 1.5 |
| Durable Goods | 78.4 | 80.4 | 78.0 | - 2.0 | + 0.4 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 12.7 | 13.2 | 12.7 | - 0.5 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.4 | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 13.6 | 13.9 | 13.9 | - 0.3 | - 0.3 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.6 | 12.9 | 12.4 | - 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.2 | 21.8 | 21.3 | - 0.6 | - 0.1 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.2 | 107.4 | 105.1 | - 1.2 | + 1.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 20.9 | 22.1 | 19.7 | - 1.2 | + 1.2 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.4 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.5 | 30.3 | 30.4 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.8 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.7 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 1,305.0 | 1,325.5 | 1,296.5 | -20.5 | + 8.5 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 104.8 | 106.7 | 103.8 | - 1.9 | + 1.0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 62.3 | 64.2 | 61.2 | - 1.9 | + 1.1 |
| Water Transportation | 21.4 | 23.1 | 21.9 | - 1.7 | - 0.5 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.7 | 37.7 | 37.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.5 | 15.7 | 15.7 | - 0.2 | - 0.2 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 22.2 | 22.0 | 21.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |

## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Jan. 1994* | Dec. 1993** | Jan. 1993** | Net Change From Dec. 1993 | Net Change From Jan. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 377.4 | 389.1 | 375.5 | -11.7 | + 1.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 84.8 | 84.4 | 84.0 | + 0.4 | + 0.8 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 46.3 | 46.5 | 45.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 38.5 | 37.9 | 38.3 | + 0.6 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 292.6 | 304.7 | 291.5 | -12.1 | + 1.1 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 10.9 | 11.3 | 10.4 | - 0.4 | + 0.5 |
| General Merchandise | 40.2 | 43.7 | 39.6 | - 3.5 | + 0.6 |
| Food Stores | 57.5 | 58.8 | 57.5 | - 1.3 | 0 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 33.0 | 33.1 | 32.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 15.3 | 17.6 | 15.8 | - 2.3 | - 0.5 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.4 | 10.7 | 10.6 | - 0.3 | - 0.2 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 95.4 | 97.8 | 94.5 | - 2.4 | + 0.9 |
| Other Retail Trade | 29.9 | 31.7 | 30.8 | - 1.8 | - 0.9 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 77.6 | 78.1 | 77.3 | - 0.5 | + 0.3 |
| Banking | 27.8 | 27.8 | 27.4 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Insurance | 26.7 | 26.7 | 26.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 408.1 | 412.0 | 400.4 | - 3.9 | + 7.7 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 20.9 | 21.6 | 20.6 | - 0.7 | + 0.3 |
| Personal Services | 15.8 | 14.9 | 15.6 | + 0.9 | + 0.2 |
| Business Services | 65.4 | 67.0 | 63.8 | - 1.6 | + 1.6 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 11.9 | 11.7 | 11.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 13.5 | 14.2 | 12.2 | - 0.7 | + 1.3 |
| Health Services | 140.6 | 140.6 | 136.9 | 0 | + 3.7 |
| Hospitals | 59.5 | 59.5 | 58.6 | 0 | + 0.9 |
| Legal Services | 16.2 | 16.3 | 16.2 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Educational Services | 26.9 | 27.7 | 26.7 | - 0.8 | + 0.2 |
| Social Services | 25.3 | 25.3 | 25.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.4 | 26.3 | 26.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 27.2 | 27.8 | 27.3 | - 0.6 | - 0.1 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 337.1 | 339.6 | 339.5 | - 2.5 | - 2.4 |
| Federal | 36.8 | 36.9 | 36.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 300.3 | 302.7 | 302.6 | - 2.4 | - 2.3 |
| State | 103.4 | 105.1 | 104.7 | - 1.7 | - 1.3 |
| Local | 196.9 | 197.6 | 197.9 | - 0.7 | - 1.0 |

*** Preliminary** ****Revised**

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan. '94* | Dec. '93** | Jan. '93** | Jan. '94* | Dec. '93** | Jan. '93** | Jan. '94* | Dec. '93** | Jan. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $556.42 | $562.03 | $524.55 | 43.0 | 43.4 | 42.2 | $12.94 | $12.95 | $12.43 |
| Durable Goods | 516.70 | 529.25 | 467.46 | 44.2 | 44.4 | 42.0 | 11.69 | 11.92 | 11.13 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 412.43 | 438.67 | 363.32 | 44.3 | 45.6 | 41.1 | 9.31 | 9.62 | 8.84 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 478.00 | 469.15 | 465.44 | 44.3 | 43.2 | 40.9 | 10.79 | 10.86 | 11.38 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 468.90 | 440.43 | 420.00 | 43.7 | 41.2 | 42.0 | 10.73 | 10.69 | 10.00 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 523.26 | 558.56 | 514.38 | 44.8 | 46.2 | 45.4 | 11.68 | 12.09 | 11.33 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 957.44 | 980.95 | 723.22 | 48.7 | 50.8 | 43.1 | 19.66 | 19.31 | 16.78 |
| Transportation Equipment | 548.16 | 567.65 | 502.17 | 44.1 | 43.8 | 40.4 | 12.43 | 12.96 | 12.43 |
| Nondurable Goods | 587.58 | 587.35 | 571.98 | 42.0 | 42.5 | 42.4 | 13.99 | 13.82 | 13.49 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 321.68 | 344.04 | 314.19 | 37.8 | 41.5 | 37.9 | 8.51 | 8.29 | 8.29 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 218.10 | 224.76 | 235.34 | 34.4 | 33.9 | 36.6 | 6.34 | 6.63 | 6.43 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 654.60 | 683.11 | 613.68 | 44.5 | 44.1 | 43.4 | 14.71 | 15.49 | 14.14 |
| Printing & Publishing | 462.47 | 462.16 | 444.95 | 38.7 | 39.1 | 37.9 | 11.95 | 11.82 | 11.74 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 906.68 | 891.46 | 820.80 | 47.1 | 46.6 | 45.6 | 19.25 | 19.13 | 18.00 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 894.93 | 906.44 | 944.30 | 45.8 | 46.2 | 48.5 | 19.54 | 19.62 | 19.47 |
| Petroleum Refining | 922.41 | 927.99 | 974.65 | 45.8 | 46.1 | 49.2 | 20.14 | 20.13 | 19.81 |
| **MINING** | 689.88 | 652.81 | 637.55 | 50.1 | 48.5 | 47.9 | 13.77 | 13.46 | 13.31 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 591.37 | 596.73 | 561.18 | 40.7 | 40.9 | 39.8 | 14.53 | 14.59 | 14.10 |
| **BANKING** | 342.62 | 326.14 | 311.64 | 37.0 | 36.4 | 37.1 | 9.26 | 8.96 | 8.40 |

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 135,000 full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and 80,800 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan. '94* | Dec. '93** | Jan. '93** | Jan. '94* | Dec. '93** | Jan. '93** | Jan. '94* | Dec. '93** | Jan. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $661.41 | $661.56 | $640.36 | 43.6 | 44.7 | 43.8 | $15.17 | $14.80 | $14.62 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 919.13 | 909.63 | 879.59 | 47.5 | 47.5 | 47.7 | 19.35 | 19.15 | 18.44 |

**(1)**Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $575.09 | $572.03 | $535.10 | 43.7 | 43.8 | 42.2 | $13.16 | $13.06 | $12.68 |
| Durable Goods | 491.63 | 475.87 | 426.12 | 43.7 | 43.3 | 40.2 | 11.25 | 10.99 | 10.60 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 451.52 | 484.10 | 454.11 | 41.5 | 44.7 | 41.7 | 10.88 | 10.83 | 10.89 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 474.59 | 438.61 | 413.08 | 43.5 | 41.3 | 40.3 | 10.91 | 10.62 | 10.25 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 443.89 | 413.00 | 374.25 | 42.6 | 42.1 | 37.5 | 10.42 | 9.81 | 9.98 |
| Nondurable Goods | 643.70 | 650.62 | 628.21 | 43.7 | 44.2 | 43.9 | 14.73 | 14.72 | 14.31 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 392.61 | 423.04 | 406.14 | 39.3 | 43.3 | 40.9 | 9.99 | 9.77 | 9.93 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 187.97 | 216.19 | 198.71 | 35.6 | 38.4 | 34.8 | 5.28 | 5.63 | 5.71 |
| Printing & Publishing | 515.39 | 474.75 | 446.22 | 44.7 | 42.2 | 40.2 | 11.53 | 11.25 | 11.10 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 902.30 | 929.38 | 907.86 | 46.8 | 46.1 | 49.1 | 19.28 | 20.16 | 18.49 |

**(1)**Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **33,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $566.02 | $589.64 | $542.70 | 40.2 | 41.7 | 40.2 | $14.08 | $14.14 | $13.50 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 306.64 | 359.00 | 318.57 | 40.4 | 45.1 | 41.0 | 7.59 | 7.96 | 7.77 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 380.80 | 357.75 | 376.19 | 33.2 | 31.8 | 37.1 | 11.47 | 11.25 | 10.14 |
| Printing and Publishing | 354.61 | 387.83 | 374.13 | 34.8 | 37.8 | 36.5 | 10.19 | 10.26 | 10.25 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 600.28 | 603.94 | 614.61 | 45.1 | 43.2 | 42.8 | 13.31 | 13.98 | 14.36 |

**(1)**Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,200** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| (in thousands) | PRELIMINARY Jan., 1994 | | | | REVISED Dec., 1993 | | | | REVISED Jan., 1993 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE |
| LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.) | 1,924.6 | 1,761.3 | 163.3 | 8.5 | 1,876.8 | 1,735.9 | 140.9 | 7.5 | 1,894.8 | 1,750.2 | 144.6 | 7.6 |
| LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED) | 1,889.0 | 1,706.0 | 183.0 | 9.7 | 1,846.9 | 1,714.3 | 132.6 | 7.2 | 1,859.6 | 1,695.0 | 164.6 | 8.9 |

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:
Alexandria 1/
Baton Rouge 2/
Houma 3/
Lafayette 4/
Lake Charles 5/
Monroe 6/
New Orleans 7/
Shreveport-Bossier City 8/

THE DATA NORMALLY PRINTED HERE WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME DUE TO CONVERSION TO 1990 CENSUS AND CHANGES IN ESTIMATING METHODOLOGY. THIS DATA WILL BE PUBLISHED AT A LATER DATE.

*****PLEASE NOTE***** The following MSA definitions have changed as of January, 1994: 4/, 7/ and 8/.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Acadia, Lafayette, St. Landry, and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Tammany parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier, Caddo, and Webster parishes.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index," is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| January 1994 | 146.2 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 |
| January 1993 | 142.6 | + 0.5 | + 3.3 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| AREA | PRELIMINARY JANUARY 94 | | | | REVISED DECEMBER 93 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE |
| OAKDALE (ALLEN) | | | | | | | | |
| NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION) | | | | | | | | |
| BUNKIE (AVOYELLES) | | | | | | | | |
| DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD) | | | | | | | | |
| ARCADIA (BIENVILLE) | | | | | | | | |
| COLUMBIA (CALDWELL) | | | | | | | | |
| CAMERON (CAMERON) | | | | | | | | |
| JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA) | | | | | | | | |
| HOMER (CLAIBORNE) | | | | | | | | |
| FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA) | | | | | | | | |
| MANSFIELD (DESOTO) | | | | | | | | |
| LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL) | | | | | | | | |
| CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA) | | | | | | | | |
| VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE) | | | | | | | | |
| WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN) | | | | | | | | |
| COLFAX (GRANT) | | | | | | | | |
| NEW IBERIA (IBERIA) | | | | | | | | |
| PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE) | | | | | | | | |
| JONESBORO (JACKSON) | | | | | | | | |
| JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS) | | | | | | | | |
| JENA (LASALLE) | | | | | | | | |
| RUSTON (LINCOLN) | | | | | | | | |
| TALLULAH (MADISON) | | | | | | | | |
| BASTROP (MOREHOUSE) | | | | | | | | |
| NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES) | | | | | | | | |
| NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE) | | | | | | | | |
| COUSHATTA (RED RIVER) | | | | | | | | |
| RAYVILLE (RICHLAND) | | | | | | | | |
| MANY (SABINE) | | | | | | | | |
| GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA) | | | | | | | | |
| MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY) | | | | | | | | |
| HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA) | | | | | | | | |
| ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS) | | | | | | | | |
| FARMERVILLE (UNION) | | | | | | | | |
| ABBEVILLE (VERMILION) | | | | | | | | |
| LEESVILLE (VERNON) | | | | | | | | |
| BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON) | | | | | | | | |
| OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL) | | | | | | | | |
| ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.) | | | | | | | | |
| WINNFIELD (WINN) | | | | | | | | |

THE DATA NORMALLY PRINTED HERE WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME DUE TO CONVERSION TO 1990 CENSUS AND CHANGES IN ESTIMATING METHODOLOGY. THIS DATA WILL BE PUBLISHED AT A LATER DATE.

PLEASE NOTE: DATA FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE NOW BEING INCLUDED IN A MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREA. PLEASE SEE TABLE ON PAGE SIX. PARISHES AFFECTED: ACADIA, PLAQUEMINES, ST. JAMES, ST. LANDRY, AND WEBSTER.

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

## ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Jan. 1994* | Dec. 1993** | Jan. 1993** | Net Change From Dec. 1993 | Net Change From Jan. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 50.0 | 50.3 | 47.9 | - 0.3 | + 2.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.1 | - 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| MINING | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.5 | - 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 43.4 | 43.5 | 41.8 | - 0.1 | + 1.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 11.1 | 11.3 | 10.5 | - 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 9.0 | 9.2 | 8.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 14.4 | 14.3 | 13.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Health Services | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 0 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 50,000. This estimate was 300 less than the December revised total, but 2,100 more than January, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,600, down 200 from last month, but up 500 from the prior year. These changes were concentrated entirely in construction due to business fluctuations scattered throughout this industry. Both mining and manufacturing remained unchanged from the prior month's level.

Service producing employment was estimated at 43,400, down 100 from last month, but up 1,600 from the prior year. Typical part-time releases in retail trade resulted in an overall decline of 200 in total trade employment. Services employment had a minimal increase of 100 over the month. The largest over-the-year gain was centered in the services segment. Total government remained at 13,200 due to gains in local government which were offset by losses in state government.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan. 1994* | Dec. 1993** | Jan. 1993** | Dec. 1993 | Jan. 1993 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 255.0 | 258.4 | 246.8 | - 3.4 | + 8.2 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 54.2 | 55.3 | 52.7 | - 1.1 | + 1.5 |
| MINING | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30.6 | 31.3 | 28.8 | - 0.7 | + 1.8 |
| MANUFACTURING | 22.8 | 23.1 | 23.1 | - 0.3 | - 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.1 | 17.4 | 17.1 | - 0.3 | 0 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.5 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 200.8 | 203.1 | 194.1 | - 2.3 | + 6.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.6 | 11.7 | 11.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 56.1 | 57.2 | 54.2 | - 1.1 | + 1.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 42.8 | 43.9 | 41.1 | - 1.1 | + 1.7 |
| General Merchandise | 6.0 | 6.4 | 5.8 | - 0.4 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.9 | 14.8 | 14.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Banking | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 62.9 | 63.1 | 60.1 | - 0.2 | + 2.8 |
| GOVERNMENT | 55.3 | 56.3 | 54.2 | - 1.0 | + 1.1 |
| Federal | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 52.8 | 53.8 | 51.8 | - 1.0 | + 1.0 |
| State | 28.4 | 29.5 | 28.1 | - 1.1 | + 0.3 |
| Local | 24.4 | 24.3 | 23.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |

# BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 255,000 in January, but remained above the year-ago revised level of 246,800. The majority of the losses were seasonal in nature.

The goods producing sector, after healthy increases in December, fell to a level of 54,200, triggered by losses occurring throughout the sector. Mining, after nine months of stability, suffered a minimal loss of 100. Job completions in all segments of construction resulted in a loss of 700 from the December revised level of 31,300. Seasonal downturns in food and kindred products, and less demand for chemical products, resulted in a decline of 300 in manufacturing.

The service producing sector, under the influence of seasonal losses, continued to move downward to a level of 200,800. Transportation, communications, and public utilities declined to 11,600 due to less business activity. With the holiday season coming to a close, most retail stores began laying off temporary help, causing trade to drop 1,100 in January. Less business or seasonal factors also affected the hotel, personnel supply, automotive repair, and amusement and recreation segments of the services industry. Additional hires in insurance carriers pushed the finance, insurance, and real estate segment upward to 14,900. The upturn in local government was overshadowed by seasonal non-faculty dismissals at state colleges and universities.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,600 production workers in all manufacturing were $661.41 for January, a decrease of $0.15 from the December average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $21.05. Average weekly hours, at 43.6, decreased by 1.1 hours in January, while average hourly earnings increased by $0.37 an hour. A shorter work week contributed to these changes.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,386 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,528 referrals to current openings resulted in 140 placements during January.

## HOUMA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

|  | Jan. 1994* | Dec. 1993** | Jan. 1993** | Net Change From Dec. 1993 | Net Change From Jan. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 59.7 | 60.9 | 57.9 | - 1.2 | + 1.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.5 | 13.6 | 12.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| MINING | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Durable Goods | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 46.2 | 47.3 | 45.1 | - 1.1 | + 1.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.5 | - 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.1 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 14.4 | 14.9 | 14.6 | - 0.5 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.7 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 11.7 | 12.0 | 11.9 | - 0.3 | - 0.2 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.1 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.0 | 12.3 | 11.8 | - 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.6 | 11.9 | 11.3 | - 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| State | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.2 | - 0.3 | 0 |
| Local | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 0 | + 0.3 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA moved down to 59,700, a drop of 1,200 from December's revised level of 60,900. Employment increased by 1,800 from January one year ago. From December to January, the goods producing industry fell slightly by 100, while the service producing industry declined by 1,100.

Goods producing employment moved from 13,600 in December to 13,500 in January. Nondurable goods manufacturing was responsible for the small decrease. All of the other sectors remained stable throughout the industry.

Service producing employment dwindled from 47,300 in December, to 46,200 in January. Trade experienced a seasonal loss of 500. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was lower due to a drop in miscellaneous water transportation services. Government employment spiraled downward at the state government level.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan. 1994* | Dec. 1993** | Jan. 1993** | Dec. 1993 | Jan. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 135.8 | 138.5 | 130.6 | - 2.7 | + 5.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 33.8 | 34.7 | 31.9 | - 0.9 | + 1.9 |
| MINING | 11.5 | 11.6 | 11.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 6.4 | 7.0 | 5.9 | - 0.6 | + 0.5 |
| MANUFACTURING | 15.9 | 16.1 | 15.0 | - 0.2 | + 0.9 |
| Durable Goods | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Nondurable Goods | 10.7 | 10.9 | 10.4 | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 102.0 | 103.8 | 98.7 | - 1.8 | + 3.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 34.6 | 35.2 | 33.2 | - 0.6 | + 1.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 26.7 | 27.3 | 25.5 | - 0.6 | + 1.2 |
| General Merchandise | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 32.3 | 32.6 | 31.0 | - 0.3 | + 1.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 21.4 | 22.3 | 21.4 | - 0.9 | 0 |
| Federal | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 20.1 | 21.0 | 20.1 | - 0.9 | 0 |
| State | 5.7 | 6.5 | 5.7 | - 0.8 | 0 |
| Local | 14.4 | 14.5 | 14.4 | - 0.1 | 0 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 135,800, a decrease of 2,700 from the December, 1993 revised estimate of 138,500. The loss of 2,700 jobs in the MSA was due to the end of the holiday season, the semester break at educational institutions, and poor weather conditions.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 33,800 during January. This estimate was 900 below the December figure. Mining employment was down 100 due to a slowdown in the exploration for oil and gas. Construction employment decreased by 600 as a result of poor weather conditions in the area. Manufacturing employment dropped by 200 due to seasonal factors in the food and kindred products nondurable goods segment.

Service producing employment in January was estimated at 102,000, a decline of 1,800 from the December estimate. A decline of 600 jobs in the trade sector was primarily due to the end of the Christmas season. The semester break at educational institutions in the area resulted in lower employment in the government sector.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Jan. 1994* | Dec. 1993** | Jan. 1993** | Net Change From Dec. 1993 | Net Change From Jan. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 73.1 | 74.4 | 68.5 | - 1.3 | + 4.6 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 19.4 | 20.2 | 18.0 | - 0.8 | + 1.4 |
| MINING | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.1 | 7.8 | 5.7 | - 0.7 | + 1.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 10.9 | 11.0 | 11.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 53.7 | 54.2 | 50.5 | - 0.5 | + 3.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.3 | 16.7 | 15.4 | - 0.4 | + 0.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 13.0 | 13.4 | 12.3 | - 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 18.1 | 18.1 | 16.5 | 0 | + 1.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.4 | 12.3 | 11.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.8 | 11.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| State | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 8.2 | 8.1 | 7.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 73,100 in January. This was a drop of 1,300 from December's revised level of 74,400, but a rise of 4,600 over the year-ago figure of 68,500.

Goods producing employment declined by 800, with most of the reduction centered in the construction segment. There was a minimal loss of 100 in the nondurable goods manufacturing sector.

Service producing employment took a downturn of 500 in January. Most of the loss occurred in retail trade due to seasonal cutbacks after the holidays.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan. 1994* | Dec. 1993** | Jan. 1993** | Dec. 1993 | Jan. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.7 | 62.8 | 60.7 | - 1.1 | + 1.0 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.3 | 11.5 | 11.1 | - 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 50.4 | 51.3 | 49.6 | - 0.9 | + 0.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.3 | 15.7 | 14.8 | - 0.4 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.0 | 12.5 | 11.6 | - 0.5 | + 0.4 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.8 | - 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.5 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 11.6 | 12.1 | 12.2 | - 0.5 | - 0.6 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.1 | 11.6 | 11.7 | - 0.5 | - 0.6 |
| State | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.7 | - 0.4 | 0 |
| Local | 6.4 | 6.5 | 7.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 61,700 during January. This estimate was 1,100 below the December revised estimate, but 1,000 above January, 1993.

Employment in goods producing was estimated at 11,300. Employment in mining, at 300, remained stable in January. Construction was down by 200 over the month, but rose 200 from January, 1993. Manufacturing, estimated at 8,100, was unchanged.

Service producing employment declined by 900 over the month. Trade decreased by 400 from last month, but increased 500 from one year ago. Government was down mostly in the state government sector.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan. 1994* | Dec. 1993** | Jan. 1993** | Dec. 1993 | Jan. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 568.8 | 577.4 | 558.2 | - 8.6 | +10.6 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 87.1 | 88.1 | 86.4 | - 1.0 | + 0.7 |
| MINING | 14.0 | 14.1 | 14.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 13.6 | 13.7 | 14.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 25.7 | 26.5 | 24.1 | - 0.8 | + 1.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 47.4 | 47.5 | 47.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Durable Goods | 22.0 | 22.2 | 22.8 | - 0.2 | - 0.8 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.1 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 11.6 | 11.6 | 12.5 | 0 | - 0.9 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.9 | 0 | - 0.8 |
| Other Durable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 25.4 | 25.3 | 25.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 481.7 | 489.3 | 471.8 | - 7.6 | + 9.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 42.1 | 43.9 | 43.0 | - 1.8 | - 0.9 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 10.8 | 12.6 | 12.7 | - 1.8 | - 1.9 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 13.2 | 13.1 | 12.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 137.7 | 141.8 | 139.1 | - 4.1 | - 1.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 32.8 | 33.2 | 32.5 | - 0.4 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.6 | 16.0 | 15.4 | - 0.4 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 104.9 | 108.6 | 106.6 | - 3.7 | - 1.7 |
| General Merchandise | 12.1 | 13.2 | 12.7 | - 1.1 | - 0.6 |
| Food Stores | 20.2 | 20.7 | 21.0 | - 0.5 | - 0.8 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 37.5 | 38.0 | 38.0 | - 0.5 | - 0.5 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 29.8 | 30.2 | 29.1 | - 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| Banking | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| SERVICES | 169.8 | 170.6 | 161.2 | - 0.8 | + 8.6 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.6 | 13.7 | 13.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Health Services | 48.3 | 48.2 | 45.6 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 |
| Educational Services | 18.6 | 18.3 | 17.1 | + 0.3 | + 1.5 |
| GOVERNMENT | 102.3 | 102.8 | 99.4 | - 0.5 | + 2.9 |
| Federal | 17.5 | 17.6 | 17.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| State and Local | 84.8 | 85.2 | 82.4 | - 0.4 | + 2.4 |
| State | 24.1 | 24.1 | 23.2 | 0 | + 0.9 |
| Local | 60.7 | 61.1 | 59.2 | - 0.4 | + 1.5 |

# NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA was estimated at 568,800 in January. This was 8,600 less than the December revised estimate, but 10,600 above January, 1993.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 87,100, was 1,000 less than December, but 700 higher than last year's figure. Mining and manufacturing each had a minimal decrease of 100 over the month. Construction employment was down in each segment of the industry, with special trade contractors leading the decrease.

Service producing was estimated at 481,700 for January. This was 7,600 below December, but 9,900 above January one year ago. Less business at the local port was mainly responsible for the decrease in transportation, communications, and public utilities employment. Trade exhibited a seasonal decline due to the end of the holiday shopping season. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment declined, mostly in the real estate sector. The services industry was lower due to losses in the business services sector. Most of the decrease in government employment was the result of a seasonal decline in local education payrolls.

An estimated 33,600 production workers in manufacturing, in the New Orleans MSA, earned $575.09 per week, up $3.06 from last month's revised average. Average weekly hours were 43.7, down from 43.8 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.16, up from $13.06 in December and $12.68 in January of last year.

### SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

|  |  |  |  | Net Change From |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Jan. 1994* | Dec. 1993** | Jan. 1993** | Dec. 1993 | Jan. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 154.4 | 155.6 | 149.9 | - 1.2 | + 4.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 31.9 | 32.1 | 30.3 | - 0.2 | + 1.6 |
| MINING | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.9 | 9.0 | 6.9 | - 0.1 | + 2.0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20.1 | 20.1 | 20.3 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 14.0 | 14.0 | 14.4 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 122.5 | 123.5 | 119.6 | - 1.0 | + 2.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.2 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 36.4 | 37.2 | 35.1 | - 0.8 | + 1.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 27.7 | 28.5 | 26.4 | - 0.8 | + 1.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 40.1 | 40.4 | 38.6 | - 0.3 | + 1.5 |
| GOVERNMENT | 31.1 | 31.1 | 30.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 26.0 | 26.0 | 25.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 17.5 | 17.6 | 17.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 154,400 during January. This estimate was 1,200 below the December revised estimate, but 4,500 above the January, 1993 figure.

Employment in the goods producing industry was estimated at 31,900. Compared to a year ago, this sector is up by 1,600 jobs. Employment was down by 100 for the month in both the mining and construction segments.

Service producing employment declined 1,000 jobs over the month. Trade was down 800 as a result of the holiday season coming to an end. Services was down by 300 mostly due to less employment in the educational and social services sectors. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment rose 100 in January.

An estimated 15,200 production workers in manufacturing, in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA, had average weekly earnings of $566.02 in January, compared to $589.64 in December, 1993 and $542.70 a year ago. Average weekly hours dropped to 40.2 in January, compared to 41.7 in December. Average hourly earnings declined to $14.08 for January, compared to $14.14 in December, and $13.50 a year ago.

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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,643,800 for February, compared to the January revised level of 1,630,000 and 1,627,300 for February last year.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 328,000, showed an increase of 3,300 and 6,900 for the month-ago and year-ago figures, respectively. Mining employment was up due to more activity in oil and gas exploration. More business in the heavy construction segment edged construction payrolls up for the month. Durable goods displayed an increase of 300 while nondurable goods exhibited a decrease of 100, resulting in a diminutive rise in manufacturing.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,315,800 for February. This was 10,500 more than January and 9,600 more than February, 1993. The transportation, communications, and public utilities segment was up due to more business activity at the state's ports. Trade employment continued its downward trend due to seasonal decreases in the retail sector. As a result of a slight upward movement in banking, the finance, insurance, and real estate segment increased. Services demonstrated gains in all areas, with the exception of legal and miscellaneous services, which remained stable. The hotels and other lodging places, business and health services segments had the largest over-the-month growth. Government employment was higher attributable to seasonal increases in state and local education payrolls.

Louisiana's 134,900 production workers in manufacturing earned average weekly earnings of $533.60, a decrease of $6.54 from the January revised figure, but an increase of $1.95 from February of last year. Average hourly earnings increased to $12.92 compared to $12.83 one month ago and $12.48 one year ago. Average weekly hours of 41.3 declined by 0.8 hours from January and 1.3 hours from February, 1993.

The February preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.7 percent, a decrease from the January revised rate of 8.5 percent. The national unemployment rate for February was 6.5 percent, a decrease from the January rate of 6.7 percent. Total unemployment for February decreased to 149,000. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,924,000 with an increase in total employment to 1,775,000.

## LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. 1994* | Jan. 1994** | Feb. 1993** | Jan. 1994 | Feb. 1993 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 1,643.8 | 1,630.0 | 1,627.3 | +13.8 | +16.5 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 328.0 | 324.7 | 321.1 | + 3.3 | + 6.9 |
| MINING | 45.7 | 45.2 | 46.0 | + 0.5 | - 0.3 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 43.9 | 43.4 | 44.3 | + 0.5 | - 0.4 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 97.2 | 94.6 | 91.8 | + 2.6 | + 5.4 |
| General Contractors | 15.9 | 15.4 | 14.7 | + 0.5 | + 1.2 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 38.8 | 37.3 | 37.1 | + 1.5 | + 1.7 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 42.5 | 41.9 | 40.0 | + 0.6 | + 2.5 |
| MANUFACTURING | 185.1 | 184.9 | 183.3 | + 0.2 | + 1.8 |
| Durable Goods | 79.1 | 78.8 | 78.0 | + 0.3 | + 1.1 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 13.7 | 13.6 | 13.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.4 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.4 | 21.3 | 21.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.0 | 106.1 | 105.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 20.7 | 20.7 | 19.7 | 0 | + 1.0 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.5 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 12.0 | 11.9 | 12.2 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.4 | 30.5 | 30.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.4 | 10.5 | 10.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.4 | 12.6 | 12.4 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.3 | 11.5 | 11.3 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 1,315.8 | 1,305.3 | 1,306.2 | +10.5 | + 9.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 105.4 | 105.0 | 104.4 | + 0.4 | + 1.0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 62.9 | 62.5 | 61.7 | + 0.4 | + 1.2 |
| Water Transportation | 22.1 | 21.7 | 22.2 | + 0.4 | - 0.1 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.7 | 37.7 | 37.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 21.9 | 21.9 | 21.9 | 0 | 0 |

## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. 1994* | Jan. 1994** | Feb. 1993** | Jan. 1994 | Feb. 1993 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 377.7 | 377.8 | 375.2 | - 0.1 | + 2.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 85.0 | 84.8 | 84.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.7 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 46.4 | 46.3 | 45.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 38.6 | 38.5 | 38.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 292.7 | 293.0 | 290.9 | - 0.3 | + 1.8 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 11.0 | 11.0 | 10.4 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| General Merchandise | 39.3 | 40.3 | 38.6 | - 1.0 | + 0.7 |
| Food Stores | 58.8 | 57.5 | 58.7 | + 1.3 | + 0.1 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 33.2 | 33.1 | 32.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 15.0 | 15.3 | 15.5 | - 0.3 | - 0.5 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 95.5 | 95.5 | 94.5 | 0 | + 1.0 |
| Other Retail Trade | 29.5 | 29.9 | 30.3 | - 0.4 | - 0.8 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 77.7 | 77.6 | 77.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Banking | 27.9 | 27.8 | 27.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Insurance | 26.6 | 26.6 | 26.9 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| SERVICES | 414.4 | 407.8 | 406.3 | + 6.6 | + 8.1 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 21.9 | 20.9 | 21.6 | + 1.0 | + 0.3 |
| Personal Services | 16.2 | 15.8 | 15.9 | + 0.4 | + 0.3 |
| Business Services | 67.1 | 65.4 | 65.2 | + 1.7 | + 1.9 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.5 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 14.3 | 13.6 | 12.6 | + 0.7 | + 1.7 |
| Health Services | 141.6 | 140.6 | 138.0 | + 1.0 | + 3.6 |
| Hospitals | 59.9 | 59.5 | 59.0 | + 0.4 | + 0.9 |
| Legal Services | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Educational Services | 27.5 | 26.9 | 27.3 | + 0.6 | + 0.2 |
| Social Services | 25.6 | 25.3 | 25.7 | + 0.3 | - 0.1 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.6 | 26.4 | 26.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 27.4 | 27.1 | 27.6 | + 0.3 | - 0.2 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 340.6 | 337.1 | 342.9 | + 3.5 | - 2.3 |
| Federal | 36.7 | 36.7 | 36.7 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 303.9 | 300.4 | 306.2 | + 3.5 | - 2.3 |
| State | 106.5 | 103.4 | 107.8 | + 3.1 | - 1.3 |
| Local | 197.4 | 197.0 | 198.4 | + 0.4 | - 1.0 |

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. '94* | Jan. '94** | Feb. '93** | Feb. '94* | Jan. '94** | Feb. '93** | Feb. '94* | Jan. '94** | Feb. '93** |
| ALL MANUFACTURING (1) | $533.60 | $540.14 | $531.65 | 41.3 | 42.1 | 42.6 | $12.92 | $12.83 | $12.48 |
| Durable Goods | 461.55 | 488.62 | 473.71 | 41.1 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 11.23 | 11.47 | 11.12 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 388.41 | 410.90 | 401.25 | 41.9 | 43.9 | 43.9 | 9.27 | 9.36 | 9.14 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 427.06 | 473.88 | 480.25 | 42.2 | 44.0 | 42.5 | 10.12 | 10.77 | 11.30 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 457.73 | 467.83 | 427.06 | 42.5 | 43.6 | 42.2 | 10.77 | 10.73 | 10.12 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 509.83 | 529.47 | 481.93 | 43.8 | 45.1 | 43.3 | 11.64 | 11.74 | 11.13 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 834.94 | 956.97 | 711.49 | 45.7 | 48.8 | 42.2 | 18.27 | 19.61 | 16.86 |
| Transportation Equipment | 418.12 | 438.53 | 501.41 | 37.1 | 38.1 | 40.6 | 11.27 | 11.51 | 12.35 |
| Nondurable Goods | 593.63 | 583.53 | 580.29 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 42.7 | 14.27 | 13.96 | 13.59 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 331.74 | 321.39 | 320.77 | 38.8 | 37.9 | 38.6 | 8.55 | 8.48 | 8.31 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 223.45 | 215.85 | 229.96 | 33.5 | 34.1 | 36.1 | 6.67 | 6.33 | 6.37 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 654.26 | 640.79 | 621.92 | 43.3 | 43.8 | 43.4 | 15.11 | 14.63 | 14.33 |
| Printing & Publishing | 452.58 | 463.66 | 451.56 | 38.0 | 38.8 | 38.3 | 11.91 | 11.95 | 11.79 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 894.52 | 885.26 | 826.66 | 46.3 | 46.3 | 45.9 | 19.32 | 19.12 | 18.01 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 963.50 | 922.90 | 1,002.96 | 47.0 | 46.4 | 50.4 | 20.50 | 19.89 | 19.90 |
| Petroleum Refining | 993.34 | 946.37 | 1,036.83 | 47.1 | 46.3 | 50.9 | 21.09 | 20.44 | 20.37 |
| MINING | 661.75 | 684.09 | 616.07 | 51.1 | 49.5 | 47.1 | 12.95 | 13.82 | 13.08 |
| COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 610.41 | 592.42 | 549.84 | 41.3 | 40.8 | 39.5 | 14.78 | 14.52 | 13.92 |
| BANKING | 339.09 | 343.55 | 312.99 | 36.5 | 37.1 | 36.1 | 9.29 | 9.26 | 8.67 |

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **134,900** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **81,800** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. '94* | Jan. '94** | Feb. '93** | Feb. '94* | Jan. '94** | Feb. '93** | Feb. '94* | Jan. '94** | Feb. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $674.06 | $660.10 | $643.55 | 43.6 | 43.2 | 44.2 | $15.46 | $15.28 | $14.56 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 944.27 | 921.82 | 864.86 | 48.3 | 47.2 | 46.8 | 19.55 | 19.53 | 18.48 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,400** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $569.32 | $568.54 | $541.02 | 43.0 | 43.4 | 42.3 | $13.24 | $13.10 | $12.79 |
| Durable Goods | 470.90 | 490.50 | 426.52 | 42.5 | 43.6 | 40.2 | 11.08 | 11.25 | 10.61 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 478.72 | 452.09 | 481.55 | 49.2 | 41.4 | 43.5 | 9.73 | 10.92 | 11.07 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 402.62 | 474.15 | 450.82 | 38.9 | 43.5 | 43.6 | 10.35 | 10.90 | 10.34 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 434.30 | 443.89 | 377.48 | 41.8 | 42.6 | 37.9 | 10.39 | 10.42 | 9.96 |
| Nondurable Goods | 650.80 | 633.31 | 637.12 | 43.3 | 43.2 | 44.0 | 15.03 | 14.66 | 14.48 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 400.79 | 391.64 | 403.19 | 39.8 | 39.4 | 41.1 | 10.07 | 9.94 | 9.81 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 181.64 | 185.83 | 195.22 | 33.7 | 35.6 | 33.2 | 5.39 | 5.22 | 5.88 |
| Printing & Publishing | 511.21 | 498.01 | 476.51 | 45.2 | 43.8 | 41.4 | 11.31 | 11.37 | 11.51 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 885.75 | 880.31 | 913.64 | 45.4 | 45.4 | 49.2 | 19.51 | 19.39 | 18.57 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **33,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $536.99 | $571.05 | $558.67 | 38.8 | 40.5 | 42.1 | $13.84 | $14.10 | $13.27 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 299.92 | 306.64 | 348.83 | 38.9 | 40.4 | 44.1 | 7.71 | 7.59 | 7.91 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 413.58 | 380.80 | 413.29 | 35.5 | 33.2 | 39.1 | 11.65 | 11.47 | 10.57 |
| Printing and Publishing | 330.53 | 371.41 | 400.43 | 33.9 | 36.2 | 38.1 | 9.75 | 10.26 | 10.51 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 595.02 | 600.28 | 601.14 | 42.9 | 45.1 | 43.0 | 13.87 | 13.31 | 13.98 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,400** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| (in thousands) | PRELIMINARY Feb., 1994 | | | | REVISED Jan., 1994 | | | | REVISED Feb., 1993 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE |
| **LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)** | 1,924.0 | 1,775.0 | 149.0 | 7.7 | 1,924.5 | 1,761.3 | 163.2 | 8.5 | 1,895.8 | 1,755.4 | 140.4 | 7.4 |
| **LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)** | 1,896.4 | 1,744.6 | 151.8 | 8.0 | 1,888.9 | 1,706.0 | 182.9 | 9.7 | 1,867.6 | 1,724.4 | 143.2 | 7.7 |
| **METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria 1/ | 55.6 | 51.4 | 4.2 | 7.5 | 55.4 | 50.5 | 4.9 | 8.9 | 54.7 | 50.8 | 3.9 | 7.1 |
| Baton Rouge 2/ | 271.3 | 252.0 | 19.3 | 7.1 | 268.3 | 245.4 | 22.9 | 8.5 | 267.6 | 250.8 | 16.8 | 6.3 |
| Houma 3/ | 75.7 | 70.1 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 75.3 | 68.7 | 6.6 | 8.8 | 75.6 | 69.7 | 5.9 | 7.8 |
| Lafayette 4/ | 153.6 | 142.0 | 11.6 | 7.5 | 154.1 | 139.2 | 14.9 | 9.7 | 152.0 | 140.5 | 11.5 | 7.6 |
| Lake Charles 5/ | 79.8 | 73.5 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 80.3 | 72.3 | 8.0 | 10.0 | 78.0 | 70.6 | 7.4 | 9.5 |
| Monroe 6/ | 65.6 | 60.7 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 64.5 | 58.8 | 5.7 | 8.9 | 65.0 | 60.5 | 4.5 | 7.0 |
| New Orleans 7/ | 587.0 | 545.9 | 41.1 | 7.0 | 584.2 | 535.0 | 49.2 | 8.4 | 583.9 | 545.3 | 38.6 | 6.6 |
| Shreveport-Bossier City 8/ | 172.1 | 158.2 | 13.9 | 8.1 | 171.8 | 155.1 | 16.7 | 9.7 | 169.0 | 157.0 | 12.0 | 7.1 |

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1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette, St. Martin, Acadia, and St. Landry parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. James, Plaquemines, and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier, Caddo, and Webster parishes.

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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| FEBRUARY 1994 | 146.7 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 |
| FEBRUARY 1993 | 143.1 | + 0.4 | + 3.2 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| AREA | PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 94 | | | | REVISED JANUARY 94 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE |
| OAKDALE (ALLEN) | 8,500 | 7,500 | 1,000 | 11.8 | 8,600 | 7,350 | 1,250 | 14.6 |
| NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION) | 9,125 | 8,000 | 1,125 | 12.4 | 9,225 | 7,775 | 1,450 | 15.7 |
| BUNKIE (AVOYELLES) | 14,825 | 12,800 | 2,025 | 13.7 | 14,875 | 12,425 | 2,450 | 16.4 |
| DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD) | 12,575 | 11,400 | 1,175 | 9.4 | 12,625 | 11,200 | 1,425 | 11.3 |
| ARCADIA (BIENVILLE) | 6,225 | 5,700 | 525 | 8.3 | 6,175 | 5,550 | 625 | 10.0 |
| COLUMBIA (CALDWELL) | 4,350 | 3,925 | 425 | 10.0 | 4,350 | 3,800 | 550 | 12.6 |
| CAMERON (CAMERON) | 3,650 | 3,350 | 300 | 8.5 | 3,650 | 3,275 | 375 | 10.1 |
| JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA) | 5,600 | 4,900 | 700 | 12.5 | 5,625 | 4,750 | 875 | 15.5 |
| HOMER (CLAIBORNE) | 5,500 | 5,050 | 450 | 8.2 | 5,575 | 4,975 | 600 | 10.6 |
| FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA) | 8,800 | 7,475 | 1,325 | 15.0 | 8,750 | 7,275 | 1,475 | 16.8 |
| MANSFIELD (DESOTO) | 9,925 | 9,025 | 900 | 9.1 | 9,850 | 8,775 | 1,075 | 10.9 |
| LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL) | 3,925 | 3,050 | 875 | 22.2 | 3,900 | 2,925 | 975 | 24.7 |
| CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA) | 7,975 | 7,300 | 675 | 8.4 | 8,025 | 7,200 | 825 | 10.2 |
| VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE) | 12,300 | 11,200 | 1,100 | 9.0 | 12,150 | 10,825 | 1,325 | 11.0 |
| WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN) | 10,650 | 9,375 | 1,275 | 12.0 | 10,675 | 9,075 | 1,600 | 14.9 |
| COLFAX (GRANT) | 7,125 | 6,150 | 975 | 13.7 | 7,175 | 6,075 | 1,100 | 15.3 |
| NEW IBERIA (IBERIA) | 28,850 | 26,375 | 2,475 | 8.6 | 29,475 | 25,875 | 3,600 | 12.2 |
| PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE) | 13,425 | 11,825 | 1,600 | 11.9 | 13,475 | 11,600 | 1,875 | 13.9 |
| JONESBORO (JACKSON) | 6,450 | 6,000 | 450 | 7.0 | 6,375 | 5,850 | 525 | 8.1 |
| JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS) | 11,700 | 10,575 | 1,125 | 9.7 | 11,600 | 10,275 | 1,325 | 11.5 |
| JENA (LASALLE) | 6,050 | 5,425 | 625 | 10.3 | 6,000 | 5,300 | 700 | 11.7 |
| RUSTON (LINCOLN) | 18,550 | 17,875 | 675 | 3.7 | 18,375 | 17,450 | 925 | 5.1 |
| TALLULAH (MADISON) | 5,125 | 4,400 | 725 | 14.3 | 5,000 | 4,200 | 800 | 16.0 |
| BASTROP (MOREHOUSE) | 14,050 | 12,125 | 1,925 | 13.7 | 13,900 | 11,800 | 2,100 | 15.1 |
| NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES) | 16,150 | 14,900 | 1,250 | 7.7 | 15,925 | 14,425 | 1,500 | 9.4 |
| NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE) | 10,000 | 8,900 | 1,100 | 11.0 | 10,000 | 8,675 | 1,325 | 13.3 |
| COUSHATTA (RED RIVER) | 3,775 | 3,400 | 375 | 10.2 | 3,750 | 3,275 | 475 | 12.4 |
| RAYVILLE (RICHLAND) | 8,875 | 7,625 | 1,250 | 14.2 | 8,825 | 7,350 | 1,475 | 16.6 |
| MANY (SABINE) | 8,950 | 8,325 | 625 | 6.9 | 8,875 | 8,125 | 750 | 8.4 |
| GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA) | 3,925 | 3,650 | 275 | 7.0 | 3,925 | 3,550 | 375 | 9.3 |
| MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY) | 23,925 | 21,350 | 2,575 | 10.8 | 23,775 | 20,725 | 3,050 | 12.9 |
| HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA) | 39,350 | 35,025 | 4,325 | 11.0 | 39,275 | 34,175 | 5,100 | 13.0 |
| ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS) | 3,325 | 2,925 | 400 | 11.8 | 3,300 | 2,800 | 500 | 15.1 |
| FARMERVILLE (UNION) | 11,300 | 10,525 | 775 | 6.9 | 11,175 | 10,250 | 925 | 8.3 |
| ABBEVILLE (VERMILION) | 21,900 | 20,100 | 1,800 | 8.3 | 21,825 | 19,625 | 2,200 | 10.1 |
| LEESVILLE (VERNON) | 16,775 | 14,975 | 1,800 | 10.7 | 16,925 | 14,800 | 2,125 | 12.5 |
| BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON) | 16,325 | 14,750 | 1,575 | 9.6 | 16,175 | 14,400 | 1,775 | 11.0 |
| OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL) | 5,625 | 4,100 | 1,525 | 27.0 | 5,675 | 3,975 | 1,700 | 30.0 |
| ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.) | 3,725 | 3,350 | 375 | 10.1 | 3,725 | 3,300 | 425 | 11.4 |
| WINNFIELD (WINN) | 6,525 | 6,100 | 425 | 6.6 | 6,425 | 5,950 | 475 | 7.4 |

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

## ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Feb. 1994* | Jan. 1994** | Feb. 1993** | Net Change From Jan. 1994 | Net Change From Feb. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 50.0 | 49.9 | 48.4 | + 0.1 | + 1.6 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| MINING | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 43.5 | 43.3 | 42.1 | + 0.2 | + 1.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 11.0 | 11.1 | 10.6 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 14.5 | 14.3 | 13.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Health Services | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 0 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.3 | 13.2 | 13.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| State | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 50,000 for February. This estimate increased 100 from the prior month and 1,600 from February, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,500, a decrease of 100 from last month, but an increase of 200 from the prior year. The decrease was centered in construction, primarily in the heavy construction segment. The over-the-year gain was entirely in construction.

Service producing employment was estimated at 43,500, an increase of 200 from last month and 1,400 above the prior year level of 42,100. Trade was down 100 due to small declines scattered throughout the wholesale segment. The services industry rose 200 as a result of seasonal increases in both personal and educational services. Additional student hires in state government resulted in total government moving upward to a level of 13,300.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. 1994* | Jan. 1994** | Feb. 1993** | Jan. 1994 | Feb. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 258.6 | 255.5 | 251.3 | + 3.1 | + 7.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 54.6 | 54.3 | 53.9 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| MINING | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 31.1 | 30.5 | 30.0 | + 0.6 | + 1.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 22.7 | 22.9 | 23.1 | - 0.2 | - 0.4 |
| Durable Goods | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.0 | 17.1 | 17.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 204.0 | 201.2 | 197.4 | + 2.8 | + 6.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.5 | 11.6 | 11.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 57.0 | 56.3 | 54.7 | + 0.7 | + 2.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 43.7 | 43.0 | 41.4 | + 0.7 | + 2.3 |
| General Merchandise | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.6 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.8 | 14.8 | 14.4 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Banking | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 63.5 | 63.2 | 60.7 | + 0.3 | + 2.8 |
| GOVERNMENT | 57.2 | 55.3 | 56.2 | + 1.9 | + 1.0 |
| Federal | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State and Local | 54.7 | 52.8 | 53.9 | + 1.9 | + 0.8 |
| State | 30.4 | 28.4 | 30.2 | + 2.0 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 24.3 | 24.4 | 23.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA increased to a level of 258,600 in February. The increase was primarily in the service producing sector due to seasonal gains in government.

Total goods producing employment rebounded to a level of 54,600, up 300 from January and 700 higher than the year-ago level. More business activity in both the general nonresidential and heavy construction segments resulted in an increase of 600 in construction. Heavy construction was solely responsible for the over-the-year gains in construction. Less business in primary metals and layoffs in the petrochemical industry, contributed to the continued decline in manufacturing. Mining declined in the oil and gas field services sector.

Total service producing employment rebounded to a level of 204,000, up 2,800 from January and 6,600 above the year-ago level. State government increased by 2,000, due to the seasonal hiring of students at the beginning of the spring semester at local colleges and universities. Staff reductions at local educational institutions were responsible for the downturn in local government. Also on the downturn was the banking industry. Transportation, communications, and public utilities moved downward to a level of 11,500 as a result of seasonal losses in water transportation. Trade reported substantial gains due to additions at the retail factory outlet mall, the re-opening of a large retail grocery store chain and the grand opening of a new automotive supply center. Seasonal advances in tax preparation, business services and membership organizations resulted in an over-the-month rise of 300 in the services industry.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,400 production workers in all manufacturing were $674.06 for February, an increase of $13.96 from the January average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $30.51. Average weekly hours, at 43.6, increased by 0.4 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $15.46, increased by $0.18 cents an hour. The increase of higher-paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 271,300. This figure was comprised of 252,000 employed and 19,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.1 percent in February.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,791 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,579 referrals to current openings resulted in 98 placements during February.

## HOUMA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Feb. 1994* | Jan. 1994** | Feb. 1993** | Net Change From Jan. 1994 | Net Change From Feb. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 59.4 | 59.3 | 58.1 | + 0.1 | + 1.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.3 | 13.2 | 12.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| MINING | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Durable Goods | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 46.1 | 46.1 | 45.4 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 14.5 | 14.5 | 14.7 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 11.5 | 11.6 | 11.2 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.2 | 12.0 | 11.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.8 | 11.6 | 11.4 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| State | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA moved up slightly to 59,400, an increase of 100 from January's revised level of 59,300. There was a gain of 1,300 from the year-ago level of 58,100. February saw no change in the service producing industry; however, goods producing expanded by 100.

Employment in goods producing went from 13,200 in January to 13,300 in February. All sectors of the industry remained flat except manufacturing, which yielded a gain of 100.

Losses of 100 in transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services were offset by small gains in state and local government. This caused the estimate for the service producing industry to remain at 46,100 for February.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. 1994* | Jan. 1993** | Feb. 1993** | Jan. 1994 | Feb. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 136.3 | 135.8 | 132.1 | + 0.5 | + 4.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 33.9 | 33.8 | 32.2 | + 0.1 | + 1.7 |
| MINING | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 15.7 | 15.8 | 15.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| Durable Goods | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 102.4 | 102.0 | 99.9 | + 0.4 | + 2.5 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.0 | 8.1 | 7.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 34.6 | 34.5 | 33.4 | + 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 26.7 | 26.6 | 25.7 | + 0.1 | + 1.0 |
| General Merchandise | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 32.3 | 32.4 | 31.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.9 |
| GOVERNMENT | 21.9 | 21.4 | 21.9 | + 0.5 | 0 |
| Federal | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 20.6 | 20.1 | 20.6 | + 0.5 | 0 |
| State | 6.2 | 5.7 | 6.2 | + 0.5 | 0 |
| Local | 14.4 | 14.4 | 14.4 | 0 | 0 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 136,300 in February. This estimate was 500 higher than last month's revised figure and 4,200 above the February, 1993 level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 33,900, a gain of 100 from the January, 1994 level. The mining and construction industries were both up by 100, while manufacturing dropped 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 102,400, a gain of 400 from the January level. Trade was up 100 with the increase centered in the eating and drinking places segment. The transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services sectors were both down 100. Government employment rose 500 for the month due to the hiring of students for the spring semester.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Feb. 1994* | Jan. 1994** | Feb. 1993** | Net Change From Jan. 1994 | Net Change From Feb. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 73.9 | 73.6 | 69.4 | + 0.3 | + 4.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 20.3 | 20.2 | 18.4 | + 0.1 | + 1.9 |
| MINING | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.9 | 8.0 | 6.0 | - 0.1 | + 1.9 |
| **MANUFACTURING** | 11.0 | 10.9 | 11.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 53.6 | 53.4 | 51.0 | + 0.2 | + 2.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.1 | 16.2 | 15.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.7 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 18.1 | 18.1 | 16.7 | 0 | + 1.4 |
| **GOVERNMENT** | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| State | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 8.2 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA increased to 73,900 in February. This was a rise of 300 from January's revised level of 73,600. Employment expanded by 4,500 from February of last year.

Goods producing employment grew by 100 overall, but minimal gains and losses were noted throughout the industry, except in nondurable goods manufacturing which remained stable.

Service producing employment rose by 200, to a level of 53,600. The increase was due to more activity at the Area's port. A small increase in the finance, insurance, and real estate sector was offset by a decrease in the trade sector.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. 1994* | Jan. 1994** | Feb. 1993** | Jan. 1994 | Feb. 1993 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 62.8 | 61.9 | 61.3 | + 0.9 | + 1.5 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 51.4 | 50.6 | 50.2 | + 0.8 | + 1.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.4 | 15.4 | 14.7 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.2 | 12.1 | 11.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 16.0 | 15.8 | 15.6 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.4 | 11.8 | 12.8 | + 0.6 | - 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.3 | 12.3 | + 0.6 | - 0.4 |
| State | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.2 | + 0.5 | 0 |
| Local | 6.7 | 6.6 | 7.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.4 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA, estimated at 62,800, was 900 more than the January revised estimate and 1,500 more than the year-ago figure of 61,300.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 11,400, showed a slight increase of 100 over the month and 300 from last year's figure. Mining remained stable over the month. The estimate for construction remained steady in February but was 200 higher than last year's figure of 2,700. Manufacturing, estimated at 8,200, rose by 100 compared to the previous month's figure.

Service producing employment, estimated at 51,400, was up by 800 from the January estimate and 1,200 from February, 1993. Government was up by 600 over the month, with the largest gain in state government.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. 1994* | Jan. 1994** | Feb. 1993** | Jan. 1994 | Feb. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 573.0 | 569.7 | 561.4 | + 3.3 | +11.6 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 86.8 | 87.1 | 86.2 | - 0.3 | + 0.6 |
| MINING | 14.1 | 14.0 | 14.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 13.7 | 13.6 | 13.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 25.2 | 25.7 | 24.1 | - 0.5 | + 1.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 47.5 | 47.4 | 47.7 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 22.2 | 22.1 | 22.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Transportation Equipment | 11.6 | 11.6 | 12.3 | 0 | - 0.7 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| Other Durable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 25.3 | 25.3 | 25.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.2 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 486.2 | 482.6 | 475.2 | + 3.6 | +11.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 43.4 | 42.2 | 43.0 | + 1.2 | + 0.4 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 12.3 | 11.1 | 12.7 | + 1.2 | - 0.4 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.6 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 139.0 | 138.0 | 139.2 | + 1.0 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 32.9 | 33.0 | 32.6 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.3 | 17.3 | 17.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.6 | 15.7 | 15.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 106.1 | 105.0 | 106.6 | + 1.1 | - 0.5 |
| General Merchandise | 12.0 | 12.3 | 12.3 | - 0.3 | - 0.3 |
| Food Stores | 20.9 | 20.2 | 20.9 | + 0.7 | 0 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 37.6 | 37.3 | 38.7 | + 0.3 | - 1.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 29.9 | 29.9 | 29.2 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| Banking | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| SERVICES | 171.5 | 170.5 | 164.0 | + 1.0 | + 7.5 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.9 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Health Services | 48.4 | 48.3 | 45.6 | + 0.1 | + 2.8 |
| Educational Services | 19.0 | 18.7 | 17.9 | + 0.3 | + 1.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 102.4 | 102.0 | 99.8 | + 0.4 | + 2.6 |
| Federal | 17.3 | 17.3 | 17.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State and Local | 85.1 | 84.7 | 82.7 | + 0.4 | + 2.4 |
| State | 24.2 | 24.0 | 23.4 | + 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| Local | 60.9 | 60.7 | 59.3 | + 0.2 | + 1.6 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA for February was estimated at 573,000. This was 3,300 more than the January revised estimate and 11,600 above February, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 86,800 for February. This was 300 less than last month, but 600 higher than the year-ago figure. Mining and manufacturing had a small increase of 100 each, while construction showed a sizable decrease of 500 over the month.

Service producing employment, estimated at 486,200, was 3,600 higher than January and 11,000 above February, 1993. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was higher due to more business in port activities. Trade employment increased due to an end to a labor dispute in the retail food stores segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment held steady for February. Increases in health, and amusement and recreation services employment were mainly responsible for the growth in the total services estimate. Government was higher due to increases in state and local government payrolls.

An estimated 33,700 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned an average of $569.32 per week, up $0.78 from last month's revised average of $568.54. Average weekly hours were 43.0, down from 43.4 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.24, up from $13.10 in January and $12.79 in February of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 41,100 for February. The unemployment rate registered 7.0 percent.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Feb. 1994* | Jan. 1994** | Feb. 1993** | Net Change From Jan. 1994 | Feb. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 154.9 | 154.2 | 151.0 | + 0.7 | + 3.9 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 32.1 | 31.8 | 30.4 | + 0.3 | + 1.7 |
| MINING | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.8 | 8.8 | 7.1 | 0 | + 1.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20.3 | 20.1 | 20.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 14.2 | 14.0 | 14.2 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 122.8 | 122.4 | 120.6 | + 0.4 | + 2.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 36.4 | 36.6 | 35.4 | - 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 27.7 | 27.9 | 26.7 | - 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 40.4 | 40.0 | 39.0 | + 0.4 | + 1.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 31.2 | 31.1 | 31.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 26.1 | 26.0 | 25.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| State | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 17.6 | 17.5 | 17.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 154,900 for the current month. This estimate increased by 700 from last month and 3,900 from February, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 32,100 for the current month. This estimate increased by 300 from last month and 1,700 from February of last year. Mining was up 100 in February, while manufacturing showed an increase of 200 jobs in the durable goods sector.

Service producing employment was estimated at 122,800 for the current month. This estimate increased by 400 from last month and 2,200 from February of last year. Trade was off 200, with the drop centered in the retail sector. The finance, insurance, and real estate, and government sectors were both up 100 in February. The services sector was up 400, with the increase scattered across the entire segment.

An estimated 15,400 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $536.99 in February, compared to $571.05 in January, 1994, and $558.67 a year ago. Average weekly hours dropped to 38.8 in February, compared to 40.5 in January and 42.1 a year ago. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.84 for February, compared to $14.10 in January, and $13.27 a year ago.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport-Bossier City Area, estimated at 172,100, included 158,200 employed and 13,900 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent.

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEB. 1994

| | LOUISIANA | | | ALEXANDRIA AREA | | | BATON ROUGE AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** |
| Mining (10-14) | 1,182 | 949 | 233 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 28 | 21 | 7 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 8,571 | 5,811 | 2,760 | 298 | 225 | 73 | 1,816 | 1,226 | 590 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 4,597 | 2,294 | 2,303 | 159 | 89 | 70 | 331 | 188 | 143 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 1,540 | 882 | 658 | 31 | 20 | 11 | 157 | 80 | 77 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 930 | 628 | 302 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 135 | 97 | 38 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 3,841 | 2,089 | 1,752 | 93 | 53 | 40 | 448 | 207 | 241 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 853 | 622 | 231 | 15 | 14 | 1 | 107 | 79 | 28 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 8,188 | 4,187 | 4,001 | 215 | 130 | 85 | 840 | 406 | 434 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 1,403 | 735 | 668 | 57 | 19 | 38 | 112 | 53 | 59 |
| All Others | 139 | 75 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 29 | 33 |
| Totals | 31,244 | 18,272 | 12,972 | 895 | 574 | 321 | 4,036 | 2,386 | 1,650 |
| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 3,951 | 2,979 | 972 | 62 | 52 | 10 | 624 | 458 | 166 |
| Clerical and Sales | 6,397 | 4,259 | 2,138 | 164 | 118 | 46 | 799 | 477 | 322 |
| Services Occupations | 3,050 | 907 | 2,143 | 104 | 37 | 67 | 215 | 51 | 164 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related | 855 | 254 | 601 | 22 | 14 | 8 | 16 | 5 | 11 |
| Processing Occupations | 897 | 406 | 491 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 36 | 24 | 12 |
| Machine Trades | 1,406 | 975 | 431 | 80 | 57 | 23 | 144 | 102 | 42 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 1,143 | 555 | 588 | 39 | 16 | 23 | 43 | 25 | 18 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 8,533 | 5,446 | 3,087 | 281 | 197 | 84 | 1,727 | 1,057 | 670 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 5,012 | 2,491 | 2,521 | 134 | 80 | 54 | 432 | 187 | 245 |
| Totals | 31,244 | 18,272 | 12,972 | 895 | 574 | 321 | 4,036 | 2,386 | 1,650 |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEB. 1994

| | HOUMA AREA | | | LAFAYETTE AREA | | | LAKE CHARLES AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** |
| Mining (10-14) | 83 | 69 | 14 | 324 | 253 | 71 | 17 | 15 | 2 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 261 | 205 | 56 | 566 | 324 | 242 | 527 | 412 | 115 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 275 | 156 | 119 | 359 | 155 | 204 | 134 | 90 | 44 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 61 | 47 | 14 | 106 | 74 | 32 | 55 | 36 | 19 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 37 | 30 | 7 | 65 | 40 | 25 | 17 | 11 | 6 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 121 | 80 | 41 | 295 | 172 | 123 | 149 | 86 | 63 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 21 | 20 | 1 | 45 | 37 | 8 | 25 | 18 | 7 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 246 | 168 | 78 | 499 | 322 | 177 | 225 | 147 | 78 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 26 | 13 | 13 | 91 | 46 | 45 | 24 | 15 | 9 |
| All Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 1,131 | 788 | 343 | 2,358 | 1,429 | 929 | 1,173 | 830 | 343 |
| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 128 | 114 | 14 | 260 | 207 | 53 | 138 | 114 | 24 |
| Clerical and Sales | 179 | 142 | 37 | 446 | 335 | 111 | 224 | 178 | 46 |
| Services Occupations | 79 | 35 | 44 | 221 | 87 | 134 | 107 | 43 | 64 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ. | 22 | 12 | 10 | 25 | 6 | 19 | 29 | 4 | 25 |
| Processing Occupations | 167 | 82 | 85 | 93 | 39 | 54 | 38 | 27 | 11 |
| Machine Trades | 50 | 40 | 10 | 96 | 67 | 29 | 49 | 34 | 15 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 22 | 16 | 6 | 167 | 84 | 83 | 27 | 13 | 14 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 337 | 259 | 78 | 643 | 376 | 267 | 427 | 327 | 100 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 147 | 88 | 59 | 407 | 228 | 179 | 134 | 90 | 44 |
| Totals | 1,131 | 788 | 343 | 2,358 | 1,429 | 929 | 1,173 | 830 | 343 |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEB. 1994

| | MONROE AREA | | | NEW ORLEANS AREA | | | SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** |
| Mining (10-14) | 7 | 7 | 0 | 183 | 136 | 47 | 94 | 79 | 15 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 300 | 231 | 69 | 1,402 | 803 | 599 | 575 | 318 | 257 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 112 | 63 | 49 | 760 | 370 | 390 | 555 | 269 | 286 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 18 | 10 | 8 | 638 | 305 | 333 | 139 | 80 | 59 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 15 | 12 | 3 | 316 | 199 | 117 | 133 | 91 | 42 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 175 | 95 | 80 | 1,328 | 662 | 666 | 433 | 219 | 214 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 32 | 26 | 6 | 392 | 264 | 128 | 116 | 86 | 30 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 311 | 178 | 133 | 2,746 | 1,351 | 1,395 | 909 | 424 | 485 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 42 | 18 | 24 | 340 | 136 | 204 | 234 | 154 | 80 |
| All Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 13 | 19 | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| Totals | 1,012 | 640 | 372 | 8,137 | 4,239 | 3,898 | 3,200 | 1,728 | 1,472 |
| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 121 | 92 | 29 | 1,595 | 1,119 | 476 | 391 | 319 | 72 |
| Clerical and Sales | 252 | 176 | 76 | 2,341 | 1,417 | 924 | 812 | 545 | 267 |
| Services Occupations | 120 | 33 | 87 | 1,088 | 237 | 851 | 425 | 98 | 327 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ. | 7 | 2 | 5 | 86 | 28 | 58 | 76 | 15 | 61 |
| Processing Occupations | 21 | 12 | 9 | 128 | 46 | 82 | 32 | 5 | 27 |
| Machine Trades | 55 | 32 | 23 | 283 | 193 | 90 | 162 | 96 | 66 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 9 | 3 | 6 | 122 | 52 | 70 | 168 | 69 | 99 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 207 | 167 | 40 | 1,486 | 772 | 714 | 530 | 296 | 234 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 220 | 123 | 97 | 1,008 | 375 | 633 | 604 | 285 | 319 |
| Totals | 1,012 | 640 | 372 | 8,137 | 4,239 | 3,898 | 3,200 | 1,728 | 1,472 |

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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment estimated at 1,655,400 displayed an increase from the previous month as well as from the previous year. The month-ago revised level was 1,645,800 and the year-ago level was 1,636,500.

For March, goods producing employment was estimated at 330,500, an increase of 2,900 from last month and 6,600 from last year. Mining employment took a loss in oil and gas extraction due to less activity. Construction payrolls continued to move upward with all segments contributing, especially heavy construction. Manufacturing employment was up due to increases in both durable and nondurable goods.

Service producing employment increased to 1,324,900 for March, an increase of 6,700 from February and 12,300 from March one year ago. The state's ports resumed more business activity boosting the transportation, communications, and public utilities segment. Growth in the eating and drinking segment accounted for most of the gain in trade employment. Finance, insurance, and real estate edged up slightly with a small increase centered in the insurance sector. The services industry grew due to rises in employment in each segment with the exclusion of personal, membership organizations and legal services. State and local education payrolls were higher as seasonal trends continued.

The 136,000 production workers in manufacturing in Louisiana had average weekly earnings of $557.68 for March. This was an increase of $7.48 from the February revised figure and $31.00 from last year. Average hourly earnings decreased by seven cents from last month's level of $13.10, but increased $0.49 over last year. Average weekly hours were 42.8, an increase of 0.8 hours from both last month's and last year's figures.

The March preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 8.1 percent, a slight increase from the February revised rate of 7.8 percent. The national unemployment rate for March remained the same as the February rate of 6.5 percent. Total unemployment increased to 153,600. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,891,100 with a decrease in total employment to 1,737,500.

# LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | Mar. 1994* | Feb. 1994** | Mar. 1993** | Net Change From Feb. 1994 | Net Change From Mar. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 1,655.4 | 1,645.8 | 1,636.5 | + 9.6 | +18.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 330.5 | 327.6 | 323.9 | + 2.9 | + 6.6 |
| MINING | 45.1 | 45.6 | 45.0 | - 0.5 | + 0.1 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 43.3 | 43.8 | 43.3 | - 0.5 | 0 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 99.8 | 97.1 | 94.6 | + 2.7 | + 5.2 |
| General Contractors | 16.2 | 15.9 | 15.1 | + 0.3 | + 1.1 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 40.5 | 38.8 | 38.8 | + 1.7 | + 1.7 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 43.1 | 42.4 | 40.7 | + 0.7 | + 2.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 185.6 | 184.9 | 184.3 | + 0.7 | + 1.3 |
| Durable Goods | 79.5 | 78.9 | 78.9 | + 0.6 | + 0.6 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 13.7 | 13.6 | 13.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.9 | 12.6 | 12.8 | + 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.4 | 21.2 | 21.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.1 | 106.0 | 105.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 20.6 | 20.6 | 19.8 | 0 | + 0.8 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.7 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.6 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.4 | 11.2 | 11.5 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 1,324.9 | 1,318.2 | 1,312.6 | + 6.7 | +12.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 106.1 | 105.6 | 104.7 | + 0.5 | + 1.4 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 63.6 | 63.1 | 62.1 | + 0.5 | + 1.5 |
| Water Transportation | 22.5 | 22.2 | 22.4 | + 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.7 | 37.7 | 37.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 21.9 | 21.9 | 21.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |

## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. 1994* | Feb. 1994** | Mar. 1993** | Feb. 1994 | Mar. 1993 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 382.0 | 378.7 | 378.3 | + 3.3 | + 3.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 85.1 | 84.9 | 84.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 46.6 | 46.4 | 46.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 38.5 | 38.5 | 38.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 296.9 | 293.8 | 293.8 | + 3.1 | + 3.1 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 11.5 | 11.1 | 10.9 | + 0.4 | + 0.6 |
| General Merchandise | 39.9 | 39.6 | 38.6 | + 0.3 | + 1.3 |
| Food Stores | 58.8 | 58.7 | 58.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 33.6 | 33.3 | 32.7 | + 0.3 | + 0.9 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 15.1 | 15.2 | 15.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 97.6 | 95.6 | 96.5 | + 2.0 | + 1.1 |
| Other Retail Trade | 30.0 | 29.9 | 30.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 77.8 | 77.6 | 77.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Banking | 27.8 | 27.8 | 27.5 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Insurance | 26.7 | 26.6 | 26.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 416.9 | 414.9 | 408.9 | + 2.0 | + 8.0 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 21.9 | 21.9 | 21.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Personal Services | 16.0 | 16.2 | 15.6 | - 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Business Services | 67.5 | 67.1 | 65.6 | + 0.4 | + 1.9 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 12.1 | 12.0 | 11.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.6 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 14.4 | 14.3 | 12.8 | + 0.1 | + 1.6 |
| Health Services | 142.3 | 141.9 | 138.8 | + 0.4 | + 3.5 |
| Hospitals | 60.2 | 60.1 | 59.1 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| Legal Services | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Educational Services | 28.1 | 27.5 | 27.9 | + 0.6 | + 0.2 |
| Social Services | 25.9 | 25.7 | 25.9 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.4 | 26.6 | 26.4 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 27.7 | 27.4 | 27.8 | + 0.3 | - 0.1 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 342.1 | 341.4 | 343.2 | + 0.7 | - 1.1 |
| Federal | 36.8 | 36.8 | 36.8 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 305.3 | 304.6 | 306.4 | + 0.7 | - 1.1 |
| State | 107.4 | 107.0 | 107.9 | + 0.4 | - 0.5 |
| Local | 197.9 | 197.6 | 198.5 | + 0.3 | - 0.6 |

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. '94* | Feb. '94** | Mar. '93** | Mar. '94* | Feb. '94** | Mar. '93** | Mar. '94* | Feb. '94** | Mar. '93** |
| ALL MANUFACTURING (1) | $557.68 | $550.20 | $526.68 | 42.8 | 42.0 | 42.0 | $13.03 | $13.10 | $12.54 |
| Durable Goods | 510.42 | 495.98 | 464.52 | 43.7 | 42.5 | 42.0 | 11.68 | 11.67 | 11.06 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 405.83 | 387.99 | 378.63 | 42.9 | 41.9 | 42.4 | 9.46 | 9.26 | 8.93 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 447.20 | 426.30 | 458.30 | 41.6 | 40.6 | 41.4 | 10.75 | 10.50 | 11.07 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 444.51 | 445.20 | 430.68 | 42.7 | 42.4 | 42.1 | 10.41 | 10.50 | 10.23 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 527.33 | 505.47 | 482.66 | 44.5 | 43.5 | 44.2 | 11.85 | 11.62 | 10.92 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 851.45 | 866.76 | 707.69 | 47.7 | 46.5 | 42.2 | 17.85 | 18.64 | 16.77 |
| Transportation Equipment | 579.54 | 554.70 | 503.01 | 45.1 | 43.1 | 40.5 | 12.85 | 12.87 | 12.42 |
| Nondurable Goods | 597.40 | 594.88 | 577.50 | 42.1 | 41.6 | 42.0 | 14.19 | 14.30 | 13.75 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 330.81 | 327.37 | 307.38 | 38.2 | 38.2 | 36.9 | 8.66 | 8.57 | 8.33 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 232.63 | 223.45 | 225.45 | 35.3 | 33.5 | 34.9 | 6.59 | 6.67 | 6.46 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 667.06 | 656.37 | 625.65 | 44.5 | 43.7 | 43.0 | 14.99 | 15.02 | 14.55 |
| Printing & Publishing | 476.74 | 445.24 | 463.72 | 39.4 | 37.7 | 39.6 | 12.10 | 11.81 | 11.71 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 877.68 | 894.52 | 858.16 | 46.0 | 46.3 | 47.1 | 19.08 | 19.32 | 18.22 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 993.77 | 997.11 | 930.86 | 47.3 | 48.1 | 47.3 | 21.01 | 20.73 | 19.68 |
| Petroleum Refining | 1,023.01 | 1,031.69 | 956.53 | 47.1 | 48.3 | 47.4 | 21.72 | 21.36 | 20.18 |
| MINING | 645.54 | 651.20 | 585.57 | 48.5 | 49.9 | 46.4 | 13.31 | 13.05 | 12.62 |
| COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 615.03 | 606.39 | 558.56 | 41.5 | 41.0 | 40.3 | 14.82 | 14.79 | 13.86 |
| BANKING | 331.79 | 338.92 | 309.10 | 36.5 | 36.6 | 35.9 | 9.09 | 9.26 | 8.61 |

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **136,000** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **81,500** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. '94* | Feb. '94** | Mar. '93** | Mar. '94* | Feb. '94** | Mar. '93** | Mar. '94* | Feb. '94** | Mar. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $638.57 | $685.03 | $620.92 | 42.6 | 43.8 | 43.3 | $14.99 | $15.64 | $14.34 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 873.18 | 968.71 | 842.62 | 46.2 | 48.9 | 46.4 | 18.90 | 19.81 | 18.16 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $582.12 | $567.06 | $540.96 | 44.0 | 42.7 | 42.0 | $13.23 | $13.28 | $12.88 |
| Durable Goods | 488.63 | 472.34 | 424.39 | 44.3 | 42.4 | 39.7 | 11.03 | 11.14 | 10.69 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 455.10 | 478.24 | 460.93 | 41.6 | 44.2 | 42.6 | 10.94 | 10.82 | 10.82 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 439.53 | 407.51 | 434.35 | 41.9 | 38.7 | 42.5 | 10.49 | 10.53 | 10.22 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 450.11 | 434.30 | 377.74 | 43.7 | 41.8 | 37.4 | 10.30 | 10.39 | 10.10 |
| Nondurable Goods | 660.74 | 644.79 | 639.18 | 43.7 | 42.9 | 43.9 | 15.12 | 15.03 | 14.56 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 399.37 | 382.23 | 378.10 | 40.3 | 38.3 | 40.7 | 9.91 | 9.98 | 9.29 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 181.47 | 181.64 | 178.75 | 34.5 | 33.7 | 30.4 | 5.26 | 5.39 | 5.88 |
| Printing & Publishing | 520.56 | 490.59 | 475.17 | 43.2 | 43.3 | 42.2 | 12.05 | 11.33 | 11.26 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 899.50 | 885.75 | 938.37 | 46.8 | 45.4 | 50.1 | 19.22 | 19.51 | 18.73 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **34,300** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $617.14 | $598.33 | $541.20 | 43.8 | 41.9 | 40.6 | $14.09 | $14.28 | $13.33 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 292.23 | 299.92 | 338.57 | 38.1 | 38.9 | 43.8 | 7.67 | 7.71 | 7.73 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 375.72 | 413.58 | 344.90 | 32.9 | 35.5 | 33.1 | 11.42 | 11.65 | 10.42 |
| Printing and Publishing | 414.61 | 339.51 | 407.23 | 39.6 | 35.7 | 40.2 | 10.47 | 9.51 | 10.13 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 630.67 | 595.02 | 637.56 | 45.8 | 42.9 | 41.4 | 13.77 | 13.87 | 15.40 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| (in thousands) | PRELIMINARY Mar., 1994 | | | | REVISED Feb., 1994 | | | | REVISED Mar., 1993 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE |
| **LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)** | 1,891.1 | 1,737.5 | 153.6 | 8.1 | 1,925.0 | 1,775.7 | 149.3 | 7.8 | 1,889.5 | 1,747.4 | 142.1 | 7.5 |
| **LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)** | 1,880.1 | 1,733.4 | 146.7 | 7.8 | 1,897.3 | 1,745.2 | 152.1 | 8.0 | 1,877.9 | 1,742.9 | 135.0 | 7.2 |
| **METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria 1/ | 55.3 | 51.2 | 4.1 | 7.4 | 55.6 | 51.5 | 4.1 | 7.4 | 55.3 | 51.7 | 3.6 | 6.6 |
| Baton Rouge 2/ | 267.6 | 248.5 | 19.1 | 7.1 | 271.8 | 252.5 | 19.3 | 7.1 | 268.4 | 252.4 | 16.0 | 6.0 |
| Houma 3/ | 74.9 | 69.6 | 5.3 | 7.0 | 75.7 | 70.1 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 76.0 | 70.5 | 5.5 | 7.3 |
| Lafayette 4/ | 153.3 | 142.2 | 11.1 | 7.3 | 154.0 | 142.4 | 11.6 | 7.5 | 153.9 | 142.9 | 11.0 | 7.2 |
| Lake Charles 5/ | 79.4 | 73.1 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 80.3 | 74.0 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 79.3 | 72.3 | 7.0 | 8.8 |
| Monroe 6/ | 64.8 | 60.2 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 65.6 | 60.7 | 4.9 | 7.5 | 65.5 | 61.2 | 4.3 | 6.6 |
| New Orleans 7/ | 577.9 | 538.1 | 39.8 | 6.9 | 586.2 | 544.9 | 41.3 | 7.0 | 583.0 | 546.5 | 36.5 | 6.3 |
| Shreveport-Bossier City 8/ | 169.9 | 156.8 | 13.1 | 7.7 | 172.0 | 158.1 | 13.9 | 8.1 | 169.5 | 158.2 | 11.3 | 6.7 |

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1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette, St. Martin, Acadia, and St. Landry parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. James, Plaquemines, and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier, Caddo, and Webster parishes.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States.

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 1994 | 147.2 | +0.3 | +2.5 |
| March 1993 | 143.6 | +0.3 | +3.1 |

# CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| | PRELIMINARY MARCH 94 | | | | REVISED FEBRUARY 94 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AREA | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE |
| OAKDALE (ALLEN) | 8,500 | 7,550 | 950 | 11.2 | 8,500 | 7,500 | 1,000 | 11.7 |
| NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION) | 9,025 | 8,025 | 1,000 | 11.1 | 9,125 | 8,000 | 1,125 | 12.4 |
| BUNKIE (AVOYELLES) | 14,825 | 12,925 | 1,900 | 12.8 | 14,875 | 12,850 | 2,025 | 13.7 |
| DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD) | 12,625 | 11,425 | 1,200 | 9.5 | 12,625 | 11,425 | 1,200 | 9.6 |
| ARCADIA (BIENVILLE) | 6,175 | 5,700 | 475 | 7.7 | 6,225 | 5,700 | 525 | 8.4 |
| COLUMBIA (CALDWELL) | 4,375 | 3,925 | 450 | 10.2 | 4,350 | 3,925 | 425 | 10.0 |
| CAMERON (CAMERON) | 3,675 | 3,375 | 300 | 8.1 | 3,675 | 3,375 | 300 | 8.4 |
| JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA) | 5,700 | 5,025 | 675 | 11.7 | 5,600 | 4,900 | 700 | 12.5 |
| HOMER (CLAIBORNE) | 5,525 | 5,075 | 450 | 8.3 | 5,550 | 5,075 | 475 | 8.3 |
| FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA) | 8,625 | 7,425 | 1,200 | 14.0 | 8,750 | 7,425 | 1,325 | 15.1 |
| MANSFIELD (DESOTO) | 10,075 | 9,200 | 875 | 8.8 | 9,925 | 9,025 | 900 | 9.1 |
| LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL) | 4,050 | 3,225 | 825 | 20.6 | 3,925 | 3,050 | 875 | 22.0 |
| CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA) | 7,950 | 7,325 | 625 | 7.7 | 7,950 | 7,275 | 675 | 8.3 |
| VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE) | 12,350 | 11,275 | 1,075 | 8.6 | 12,300 | 11,200 | 1,100 | 9.0 |
| WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN) | 10,875 | 9,675 | 1,200 | 11.0 | 10,650 | 9,375 | 1,275 | 12.0 |
| COLFAX (GRANT) | 6,975 | 6,100 | 875 | 12.5 | 7,125 | 6,150 | 975 | 13.6 |
| NEW IBERIA (IBERIA) | 28,775 | 26,400 | 2,375 | 8.2 | 28,875 | 26,425 | 2,450 | 8.5 |
| PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE) | 13,350 | 11,775 | 1,575 | 11.9 | 13,400 | 11,825 | 1,575 | 11.8 |
| JONESBORO (JACKSON) | 6,475 | 6,025 | 450 | 6.8 | 6,450 | 6,000 | 450 | 7.0 |
| JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS) | 11,800 | 10,700 | 1,100 | 9.4 | 11,675 | 10,550 | 1,125 | 9.6 |
| JENA (LASALLE) | 6,000 | 5,400 | 600 | 10.0 | 6,025 | 5,400 | 625 | 10.2 |
| RUSTON (LINCOLN) | 18,425 | 17,750 | 675 | 3.7 | 18,600 | 17,900 | 700 | 3.7 |
| TALLULAH (MADISON) | 5,400 | 4,650 | 750 | 13.7 | 5,125 | 4,400 | 725 | 14.2 |
| BASTROP (MOREHOUSE) | 13,925 | 12,225 | 1,700 | 12.3 | 14,125 | 12,150 | 1,975 | 13.9 |
| NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES) | 16,325 | 15,125 | 1,200 | 7.4 | 16,175 | 14,925 | 1,250 | 7.8 |
| NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE) | 10,050 | 9,000 | 1,050 | 10.5 | 9,975 | 8,875 | 1,100 | 11.0 |
| COUSHATTA (RED RIVER) | 3,800 | 3,425 | 375 | 9.9 | 3,775 | 3,400 | 375 | 10.2 |
| RAYVILLE (RICHLAND) | 9,050 | 7,875 | 1,175 | 13.0 | 8,900 | 7,650 | 1,250 | 14.1 |
| MANY (SABINE) | 8,975 | 8,400 | 575 | 6.3 | 8,975 | 8,350 | 625 | 6.9 |
| GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA) | 3,925 | 3,675 | 250 | 6.5 | 3,925 | 3,650 | 275 | 7.0 |
| MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY) | 23,925 | 21,425 | 2,500 | 10.5 | 23,900 | 21,325 | 2,575 | 10.8 |
| HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA) | 39,475 | 35,175 | 4,300 | 10.9 | 39,400 | 35,075 | 4,325 | 11.0 |
| ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS) | 3,500 | 3,125 | 375 | 10.4 | 3,325 | 2,925 | 400 | 11.8 |
| FARMERVILLE (UNION) | 11,300 | 10,575 | 725 | 6.4 | 11,325 | 10,525 | 800 | 7.0 |
| ABBEVILLE (VERMILION) | 22,050 | 20,225 | 1,825 | 8.3 | 21,925 | 20,100 | 1,825 | 8.3 |
| LEESVILLE (VERNON) | 16,850 | 14,950 | 1,900 | 11.3 | 16,825 | 15,000 | 1,825 | 10.8 |
| BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON) | 16,425 | 14,875 | 1,550 | 9.4 | 16,350 | 14,775 | 1,575 | 9.6 |
| OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL) | 5,775 | 4,350 | 1,425 | 24.6 | 5,700 | 4,125 | 1,575 | 27.5 |
| ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.) | 3,675 | 3,300 | 375 | 9.9 | 3,700 | 3,325 | 375 | 10.2 |
| WINNFIELD (WINN) | 6,425 | 6,025 | 400 | 6.4 | 6,500 | 6,075 | 425 | 6.6 |

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

## ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Mar. 1994* | Feb. 1994** | Mar. 1993** | Net Change From Feb. 1994 | Net Change From Mar. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 50.0 | 50.0 | 48.7 | 0 | + 1.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| MINING | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 43.4 | 43.5 | 42.3 | - 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 11.0 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 14.5 | 14.5 | 13.9 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Health Services | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.2 | 13.3 | 13.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Federal | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 50,000 for the current month. This estimate was unchanged from last month, but was 1,300 above the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,600 for March, as a result of increased business in the mining of nonmetallic minerals. Compared to March, 1993, goods producing employment was up 200, with increases reported in both mining and construction.

Service producing employment was estimated at 43,400 for March. All segments remained stable, with the exception of federal government, due to temporary cutbacks. The services and trade segments were largely responsible for the over-the-year gains in the service producing sector.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Mar. 1994* | Feb. 1994** | Mar. 1993** | Net Change From Feb. 1994 | Net Change From Mar. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 258.5 | 258.9 | 252.0 | - 0.4 | + 6.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 54.1 | 55.1 | 53.6 | - 1.0 | + 0.5 |
| MINING | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30.4 | 31.6 | 29.6 | - 1.2 | + 0.8 |
| MANUFACTURING | 22.9 | 22.7 | 23.2 | + 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 5.9 | 5.7 | 6.0 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.0 | 17.0 | 17.2 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 204.4 | 203.8 | 198.4 | + 0.6 | + 6.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 57.2 | 56.9 | 55.3 | + 0.3 | + 1.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 43.9 | 43.6 | 41.9 | + 3.0 | + 2.0 |
| General Merchandise | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.8 | 14.8 | 14.4 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Banking | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 63.5 | 63.4 | 61.1 | + 0.1 | + 2.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 57.3 | 57.2 | 56.1 | + 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 54.9 | 54.7 | 53.8 | + 0.2 | + 1.1 |
| State | 30.6 | 30.4 | 30.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Local | 24.3 | 24.3 | 23.6 | 0 | + 0.7 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 258,500 in March, but remained above the year-ago level of 252,000. The over-the-month losses were centered in the construction segment.

Goods producing employment at 54,100, was 1,000 below the February revised estimate, but 500 above March, 1993. Large project completions, in both general contractors nonresidential and heavy construction, were responsible for the over-the-month loss. However, construction was the largest contributor to the over-the-year employment gain for the goods producing sector. Manufacturing increased to 22,900, as a result of seasonal increases in both food and kindred products, and fabricated pipe production.

Service producing employment at 204,400 was 600 above the February estimate and 6,000 above the year-ago level. The industry reporting the greatest increase was trade, due to more business demands in retail building materials, eating and drinking places, and general merchandise stores. Seasonal increases in water transportation were responsible for the growth in transportation, communications, and public utilities. Services increased to 63,500 due to employment gains in health, hotels, and landscape services. Total government moved upward to 57,300. In government, the federal workforce decreased by 100, while the state nonfaculty staff rose 200. The services and trade industries recorded the strongest over-the-year gains in the service producing sector.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,700 production workers in all manufacturing was $638.57 for March, a decrease of $46.46 from the February average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $17.65. Average weekly hours, at 42.6, decreased by 1.2 hours in March, while average hourly earnings, at $14.99, decreased by $0.65 an hour. A shorter work week contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 267,600. This figure was comprised of 248,500 employed and 19,100 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.1 percent in March.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,934 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,831 referrals to current openings resulted in 113 placements during March.

## HOUMA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Mar. 1994* | Feb. 1994** | Mar. 1993** | Net Change From Feb. 1994 | Net Change From Mar. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 59.3 | 59.4 | 58.1 | - 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.1 | 13.3 | 12.8 | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| MINING | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.3 | - 0.2 | - 0.4 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Durable Goods | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 46.2 | 46.1 | 45.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 14.4 | 14.5 | 14.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.2 | 12.2 | 11.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.4 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| State | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.1 | 0 | + 0.4 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA moved down slightly to 59,300, a drop of 100 below February. The estimate for March was 1,200 higher than the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment experienced a loss of 200. This was mainly due to the mining sector, where a firm was sold to a company outside the MSA. In manufacturing, durable goods rose by 100 while nondurable goods fell by 100, offsetting each other. Construction remained steady.

The service producing industry increased, with a minimal gain of 100 overall. Transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services were up by 100 each, while trade declined by 100.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. 1994* | Feb. 1994** | Mar. 1993** | Feb. 1994 | Mar. 1993 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 137.4 | 136.3 | 133.4 | + 1.1 | + 4.0 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 34.1 | 33.9 | 32.4 | + 0.2 | + 1.7 |
| MINING | 11.5 | 11.6 | 10.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| MANUFACTURING | 15.9 | 15.8 | 15.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| Durable Goods | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Nondurable Goods | 10.6 | 10.5 | 10.6 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 103.3 | 102.4 | 101.0 | + 0.9 | + 2.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 34.8 | 34.5 | 33.8 | + 0.3 | + 1.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 26.7 | 26.6 | 26.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| General Merchandise | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 32.6 | 32.2 | 31.9 | + 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| GOVERNMENT | 22.1 | 22.0 | 22.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Federal | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 20.8 | 20.7 | 20.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| State | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 14.4 | 14.4 | 14.4 | 0 | 0 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 137,400 in March, an increase of 1,100 from the February revised estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,100, a gain of 200 from last month's figure. Mining dropped 100 due to losses in the oil and gas field services sector. Construction gained 200 with the increase occurring in the general building and special trade contractors sectors. Manufacturing was up 100 with the increase centered in the food and kindred products sector.

Service producing employment was estimated at 103,300, a gain of 900 from last month's level. Trade was up 300 due to more employment activity in both the wholesale and retail trade sectors. Finance, insurance, and real estate rose 100 with the increase occurring in the insurance and real estate industries. Services was up 400 with gains spread across the entire sector. Government rose 100 due to more employment at state educational institutions in the MSA.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. 1994* | Feb. 1994** | Mar. 1993** | Feb. 1994 | Mar. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 74.2 | 74.4 | 70.6 | - 0.2 | + 3.6 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 20.4 | 20.6 | 18.9 | - 0.2 | + 1.5 |
| MINING | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.0 | 8.2 | 6.7 | - 0.2 | + 1.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 11.1 | 11.0 | 10.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 53.8 | 53.8 | 51.7 | 0 | + 2.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.0 | 16.2 | 15.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.8 | 12.9 | 12.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 18.3 | 18.2 | 17.0 | + 0.1 | + 1.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| State | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 8.2 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA decreased to 74,200 in March. This was a decline of 200 from February's revised estimate of 74,400. Growth of 3,600 was seen from one year ago.

Goods producing employment dropped by 200. There were declines of 100 in mining and 200 in construction. Manufacturing had a gain of 100 in the durable goods sector.

Service producing employment experienced no change overall. However, small seasonal gains and losses in transportation, communications, and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; and services were noted.

## MONROE AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Mar. 1994* | Feb. 1994** | Mar. 1993** | Net Change From Feb. 1994 | Net Change From Mar. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 62.7 | 62.6 | 61.6 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 51.3 | 51.2 | 50.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.2 | 15.2 | 14.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 16.1 | 16.0 | 15.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| State | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 0 | - 0.2 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 62,700 during March. This was an increase of 100 from the February revised estimate of 62,600 and 1,100 above March, 1993.

Goods producing employment was unchanged over the month. However, the over-the-year increase of 300 was due to growth in construction and manufacturing employment.

Service producing employment was up 100 from last month, and significantly increased 800 from last year. The over-the-month change was centered in the services sector that rose by 100. All other segments remained stable over the month.

# NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. 1994* | Feb. 1994** | Mar. 1993** | Feb. 1994 | Mar. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 573.1 | 572.5 | 561.5 | + 0.6 | +11.6 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 87.2 | 86.9 | 86.4 | + 0.3 | + 0.8 |
| MINING | 14.0 | 14.1 | 14.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 13.5 | 13.6 | 13.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 25.4 | 25.5 | 24.6 | - 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| MANUFACTURING | 47.8 | 47.3 | 47.5 | + 0.5 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 22.5 | 22.0 | 22.6 | + 0.5 | - 0.1 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.3 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Transportation Equipment | 11.8 | 11.6 | 12.2 | + 0.2 | - 0.4 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.3 | 9.1 | 9.7 | + 0.2 | - 0.4 |
| Other Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 25.3 | 25.3 | 24.9 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 485.9 | 485.6 | 475.1 | + 0.3 | +10.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 43.0 | 43.2 | 43.2 | - 0.2 | - 0.2 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 12.0 | 12.2 | 12.7 | - 0.2 | - 0.7 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 12.8 | 12.9 | 12.6 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 139.3 | 138.4 | 138.9 | + 0.9 | + 0.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33.0 | 32.9 | 32.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.3 | 17.3 | 17.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.7 | 15.6 | 15.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 106.3 | 105.5 | 106.2 | + 0.8 | + 0.1 |
| General Merchandise | 12.1 | 12.0 | 12.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Food Stores | 20.9 | 20.5 | 21.0 | + 0.4 | - 0.1 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 37.8 | 37.7 | 37.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 29.8 | 29.9 | 29.2 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| Banking | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| SERVICES | 171.2 | 171.7 | 163.9 | - 0.5 | + 7.3 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.9 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Health Services | 48.0 | 48.4 | 45.8 | - 0.4 | + 2.2 |
| Educational Services | 19.0 | 19.0 | 17.8 | 0 | + 1.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 102.6 | 102.4 | 99.9 | + 0.2 | + 2.7 |
| Federal | 17.3 | 17.3 | 17.0 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| State and Local | 85.3 | 85.1 | 82.9 | + 0.2 | + 2.4 |
| State | 24.3 | 24.2 | 23.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| Local | 61.0 | 60.9 | 59.4 | + 0.1 | + 1.6 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA for March was estimated at 573,100. This was 600 more than the February revised estimate and 11,600 above March, 1993.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 87,200, was 300 higher than last month and 800 above March a year ago. Mining and construction were down 100 each for March. Manufacturing employment was up in the durable goods segment by 500 in March.

Service producing employment was estimated at 485,900 in March. This was 300 higher than February and 10,800 above March of last year. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down mainly due to less activity at the ports. Trade was up, mainly in the retail sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment was down by 100 over the month. Decreases in the health services sector was mainly responsible for the drop in services employment. Government employment was up in the state and local government segments.

An estimated 34,300 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned an average of $582.12 per week, up $15.06 from last month's revised level of $567.06. Average weekly hours were 44.0, up from 42.7 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.23, down from $13.28 in February, but up from $12.88 in March of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 39,800 in March. The unemployment rate registered 6.9 percent.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Mar. 1994* | Feb. 1994** | Mar. 1993** | Net Change From Feb. 1994 | Mar. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 155.2 | 154.9 | 151.5 | + 0.3 | + 3.7 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 32.1 | 32.1 | 30.6 | 0 | + 1.5 |
| MINING | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.8 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 0 | + 1.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.0 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 123.1 | 122.8 | 120.9 | + 0.3 | + 2.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 36.4 | 36.4 | 35.4 | 0 | + 1.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 27.7 | 27.7 | 26.7 | 0 | + 1.0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.8 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 40.7 | 40.4 | 39.5 | + 0.3 | + 1.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 31.1 | 31.2 | 30.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 26.0 | 26.1 | 25.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| State | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 17.5 | 17.6 | 17.5 | - 0.1 | 0 |

# SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 155,200 during March. This was an increase of 300 from the February revised estimate of 154,900 and 3,700 above March, 1993.

Goods producing employment was unchanged over the month, but had an increase of 1,500 over the same period one year ago.

Service producing employment was up by 300 to an estimated 123,100. Finance, insurance, and real estate was up 100 for the month, while government was down 100. Services rose 300 due to employment growth in the business, health, and agricultural services segments.

An estimated 15,700 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $617.14 in March, compared to $598.33 in February and $541.20 a year ago. Average weekly hours for March increased to 43.8 hours. This was higher than the average of 41.9 hours in February and the 40.6 average for March, 1993. The average hourly earnings dropped to $14.09 for March compared to $14.28 in February, but was higher compared to $13.33 a year ago.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport-Bossier City Area, estimated at 169,900, included 156,800 employed and 13,100 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.7 percent.

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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

The total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,669,800 for April, 1994. Last month's revised figure was 1,659,200 and last year's figure was 1,643,500.

Goods producing employment exhibited an increase of 2,400 and 8,800 compared to the month-ago figure of 331,100 and the year-ago figure of 324,700, respectively. Mining rose slightly with each segment contributing equally. Special trade contractors had increased activity which was the major cause for the rise in construction payrolls. Increases in durable and nondurable goods pushed manufacturing upward.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,336,300 for April. This estimate was 8,200 higher than March and 17,500 higher than April of last year. More business at the state's ports was primarily responsible for the increase in the transportation, communications, and public utilities segment. Trade employment was elevated mainly due to seasonal fluctuations and more business in retail trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate displayed increased business activity in the real estate and insurance sectors. Business services, and amusement and recreation services exhibited substantial gains which boosted the services industry. Government employment was higher because of an increase in local government, other than education.

Louisiana's 136,600 production workers in manufacturing had average weekly earnings of $563.77 for April, a decrease of $0.39 from the March revised figure, but an increase of $30.78 from April of last year. Average hourly earnings for April were $12.99 compared to $13.12 for March and $12.63 for April, 1993. Average weekly hours were 43.4, an increase of 0.4 hours from last month and 1.2 hours from last year.

The April preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 8.4 percent, an increase from the March revised rate of 8.1 percent. The national unemployment rate for April was 6.4 percent, a decrease from the March rate of 6.5 percent. Total unemployment for April increased to 160,200. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,917,200 with an increase in total employment to 1,757,000.

## LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
### (In Thousands by Industry)

|  |  |  |  | Net Change From |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Apr. 1994* | Mar. 1994** | Apr. 1993** | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 1,669.8 | 1,659.2 | 1,643.5 | +10.6 | +26.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 333.5 | 331.1 | 324.7 | + 2.4 | + 8.8 |
| MINING | 45.4 | 45.2 | 45.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 43.5 | 43.4 | 43.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 102.0 | 100.3 | 96.2 | + 1.7 | + 5.8 |
| General Contractors | 16.6 | 16.4 | 15.2 | + 0.2 | + 1.4 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 40.5 | 40.5 | 38.8 | 0 | + 1.7 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 44.9 | 43.4 | 42.2 | + 1.5 | + 2.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 186.1 | 185.6 | 183.3 | + 0.5 | + 2.8 |
| Durable Goods | 79.9 | 79.5 | 77.4 | + 0.4 | + 2.5 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 13.0 | 12.9 | 13.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.7 | 21.5 | 19.6 | + 0.2 | + 2.1 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.2 | 106.1 | 105.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 20.8 | 20.5 | 20.7 | + 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.5 | 30.6 | 30.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.4 | 10.5 | 10.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.6 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 1,336.3 | 1,328.1 | 1,318.8 | + 8.2 | +17.5 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 106.3 | 106.2 | 104.0 | + 0.1 | + 2.3 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 63.9 | 63.8 | 61.6 | + 0.1 | + 2.3 |
| Water Transportation | 22.8 | 22.6 | 22.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.6 | 37.6 | 37.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 21.9 | 21.9 | 21.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |

## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | Apr. 1994* | Mar. 1994** | Apr. 1993** | Net Change From Mar. 1994 | Net Change From Apr. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 385.7 | 383.3 | 380.4 | + 2.4 | + 5.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 86.2 | 85.6 | 85.2 | + 0.6 | + 1.0 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.0 | 46.8 | 46.4 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 39.2 | 38.8 | 38.8 | + 0.4 | + 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 299.5 | 297.7 | 295.2 | + 1.8 | + 4.3 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| General Merchandise | 40.5 | 39.8 | 39.2 | + 0.7 | + 1.3 |
| Food Stores | 58.7 | 59.3 | 58.0 | - 0.6 | + 0.7 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 33.9 | 33.7 | 32.9 | + 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 15.3 | 15.2 | 15.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.6 | 10.5 | 10.6 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 98.5 | 97.7 | 97.1 | + 0.8 | + 1.4 |
| Other Retail Trade | 30.4 | 30.0 | 30.7 | + 0.4 | - 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 78.4 | 78.0 | 77.7 | + 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| Banking | 27.9 | 27.9 | 27.5 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Insurance | 26.8 | 26.7 | 26.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 420.9 | 418.0 | 411.4 | + 2.9 | + 9.5 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 21.9 | 21.9 | 21.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Personal Services | 16.1 | 16.0 | 15.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Business Services | 68.6 | 67.7 | 65.8 | + 0.9 | + 2.8 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 15.7 | 14.7 | 13.7 | + 1.0 | + 2.0 |
| Health Services | 142.9 | 142.8 | 139.0 | + 0.1 | + 3.9 |
| Hospitals | 60.3 | 60.3 | 59.1 | 0 | + 1.2 |
| Legal Services | 16.4 | 16.2 | 16.4 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Educational Services | 28.1 | 28.1 | 27.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Social Services | 26.0 | 25.9 | 26.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.6 | 26.4 | 26.7 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 27.9 | 27.8 | 27.9 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 0 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 345.0 | 342.6 | 345.3 | + 2.4 | - 0.3 |
| Federal | 37.1 | 36.8 | 37.1 | + 0.3 | 0 |
| State and Local | 307.9 | 305.8 | 308.2 | + 2.1 | - 0.3 |
| State | 107.8 | 107.7 | 107.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 200.1 | 198.1 | 200.5 | + 2.0 | - 0.4 |

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. '94* | Mar. '94** | Apr. '93** | Apr. '94* | Mar. '94** | Apr. '93** | Apr. '94* | Mar. '94** | Apr. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $563.77 | $564.16 | $532.99 | 43.4 | 43.0 | 42.2 | $12.99 | $13.12 | $12.63 |
| Durable Goods | 522.99 | 523.77 | 468.99 | 44.7 | 44.2 | 42.1 | 11.70 | 11.85 | 11.14 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 406.51 | 402.32 | 387.71 | 43.9 | 42.8 | 41.6 | 9.26 | 9.40 | 9.32 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 456.96 | 462.88 | 479.88 | 40.8 | 43.3 | 43.0 | 11.20 | 10.69 | 11.16 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 447.26 | 443.84 | 424.87 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 41.9 | 10.45 | 10.37 | 10.14 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 526.13 | 528.80 | 480.20 | 45.2 | 44.7 | 43.3 | 11.64 | 11.83 | 11.09 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 783.39 | 813.05 | 669.51 | 45.1 | 45.6 | 38.7 | 17.37 | 17.83 | 17.30 |
| Transportation Equipment | 631.75 | 635.08 | 527.03 | 47.5 | 46.8 | 42.4 | 13.30 | 13.57 | 12.43 |
| Nondurable Goods | 596.85 | 598.66 | 583.74 | 42.3 | 42.1 | 42.3 | 14.11 | 14.22 | 13.80 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 344.36 | 330.91 | 326.38 | 39.4 | 38.3 | 37.3 | 8.74 | 8.64 | 8.75 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 249.75 | 232.32 | 229.99 | 37.0 | 35.2 | 34.9 | 6.75 | 6.60 | 6.59 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 656.74 | 667.16 | 630.12 | 43.9 | 44.3 | 43.1 | 14.96 | 15.06 | 14.62 |
| Printing & Publishing | 456.92 | 482.38 | 463.64 | 38.3 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 11.93 | 12.12 | 11.62 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 872.48 | 900.71 | 815.33 | 45.3 | 46.5 | 45.6 | 19.26 | 19.37 | 17.88 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 959.03 | 951.93 | 1,047.05 | 46.6 | 46.3 | 52.3 | 20.58 | 20.56 | 20.02 |
| Petroleum Refining | 978.98 | 977.04 | 1,084.91 | 46.2 | 46.0 | 53.0 | 21.19 | 21.24 | 20.47 |
| **MINING** | 664.44 | 644.92 | 613.87 | 49.0 | 48.6 | 46.4 | 13.56 | 13.27 | 13.23 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 600.01 | 611.06 | 569.24 | 41.9 | 41.4 | 40.4 | 14.32 | 14.76 | 14.09 |
| **BANKING** | 337.39 | 331.06 | 317.68 | 39.6 | 36.5 | 36.1 | 8.52 | 9.07 | 8.80 |

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **136,600** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **81,500** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. '94* | Mar. '94** | Apr. '93** | Apr. '94* | Mar. '94** | Apr. '93** | Apr. '94* | Mar. '94** | Apr. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $680.89 | $660.91 | $618.05 | 43.9 | 43.0 | 43.1 | $15.51 | $15.37 | $14.34 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 946.47 | 919.52 | 826.62 | 47.3 | 46.7 | 46.0 | 20.01 | 19.69 | 17.97 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,500** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $578.15 | $580.35 | $563.17 | 44.1 | 43.8 | 42.6 | $13.11 | $13.25 | $13.22 |
| Durable Goods | 501.08 | 490.80 | 424.63 | 44.9 | 43.9 | 39.5 | 11.16 | 11.18 | 10.75 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 452.45 | 457.13 | 516.12 | 41.7 | 41.9 | 46.0 | 10.85 | 10.91 | 11.22 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 427.87 | 436.38 | 410.80 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 40.0 | 10.36 | 10.49 | 10.27 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 480.76 | 455.27 | 383.03 | 45.7 | 43.4 | 37.7 | 10.52 | 10.49 | 10.16 |
| Nondurable Goods | 644.49 | 657.88 | 677.10 | 43.4 | 43.8 | 45.2 | 14.85 | 15.02 | 14.98 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 416.99 | 398.78 | 395.81 | 42.9 | 40.2 | 39.9 | 9.72 | 9.92 | 9.92 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 167.16 | 181.47 | 224.06 | 31.9 | 34.5 | 34.9 | 5.24 | 5.26 | 6.42 |
| Printing & Publishing | 469.70 | 522.33 | 469.06 | 41.9 | 43.6 | 41.4 | 11.21 | 11.98 | 11.33 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 877.01 | 889.95 | 941.90 | 45.3 | 46.4 | 49.6 | 19.36 | 19.18 | 18.99 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **34,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $640.09 | $644.48 | $539.31 | 45.3 | 45.1 | 41.2 | $14.13 | $14.29 | $13.09 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 323.11 | 292.23 | 336.96 | 40.9 | 38.1 | 43.2 | 7.90 | 7.67 | 7.80 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 438.89 | 375.72 | 413.06 | 40.6 | 32.9 | 38.0 | 10.81 | 11.42 | 10.87 |
| Printing and Publishing | 405.86 | 420.00 | 419.99 | 39.1 | 40.0 | 45.8 | 10.38 | 10.50 | 9.17 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 679.00 | 617.86 | 620.17 | 48.5 | 45.7 | 42.8 | 14.00 | 13.52 | 14.49 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,900** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| | PRELIMINARY Apr., 1994 | | | | REVISED Mar., 1994 | | | | REVISED Apr., 1993 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (in thousands) | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE |
| **LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)** | 1,917.2 | 1,757.0 | 160.2 | 8.4 | 1,892.5 | 1,738.6 | 153.9 | 8.1 | 1,883.1 | 1,741.8 | 141.3 | 7.5 |
| **LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)** | 1,899.1 | 1,753.5 | 145.6 | 7.7 | 1,881.4 | 1,734.5 | 146.9 | 7.8 | 1,865.0 | 1,738.4 | 126.6 | 6.8 |
| **METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria 1/ | 55.7 | 51.8 | 3.9 | 7.0 | 55.2 | 51.1 | 4.1 | 7.4 | 54.9 | 51.6 | 3.3 | 6.0 |
| Baton Rouge 2/ | 270.0 | 250.9 | 19.1 | 7.1 | 267.3 | 248.3 | 19.0 | 7.1 | 267.2 | 251.8 | 15.4 | 5.8 |
| Houma 3/ | 76.9 | 71.6 | 5.3 | 6.9 | 75.7 | 70.4 | 5.3 | 7.0 | 74.8 | 69.8 | 5.0 | 6.7 |
| Lafayette 4/ | 154.9 | 144.2 | 10.7 | 6.9 | 153.2 | 142.1 | 11.1 | 7.3 | 153.0 | 143.0 | 10.0 | 6.6 |
| Lake Charles 5/ | 80.0 | 73.6 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 79.6 | 73.2 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 77.9 | 71.7 | 6.2 | 8.0 |
| Monroe 6/ | 65.3 | 60.7 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 64.8 | 60.2 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 64.7 | 60.7 | 4.0 | 6.2 |
| New Orleans 7/ | 585.6 | 543.7 | 41.9 | 7.2 | 579.3 | 539.3 | 40.0 | 6.9 | 582.3 | 546.4 | 35.9 | 6.2 |
| Shreveport-Bossier City 8/ | 170.9 | 158.3 | 12.6 | 7.4 | 169.9 | 156.7 | 13.2 | 7.7 | 168.1 | 157.1 | 11.0 | 6.6 |

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette, St. Martin, Acadia, and St. Landry parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. James, Plaquemines, and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier, Caddo, and Webster parishes.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States.

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| APRIL 1994 | 147.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.4 |
| APRIL 1993 | 144.0 | + 0.3 | + 3.2 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| | PRELIMINARY APRIL 94 | | | | REVISED MARCH 94 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AREA | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE |
| OAKDALE (ALLEN) | 8,550 | 7,625 | 925 | 10.7 | 8,500 | 7,550 | 950 | 11.2 |
| NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION) | 9,075 | 8,200 | 875 | 9.5 | 9,025 | 8,025 | 1,000 | 11.0 |
| BUNKIE (AVOYELLES) | 15,075 | 13,150 | 1,925 | 12.7 | 14,775 | 12,900 | 1,875 | 12.7 |
| DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD) | 12,900 | 11,600 | 1,300 | 10.1 | 12,600 | 11,400 | 1,200 | 9.5 |
| ARCADIA (BIENVILLE) | 6,275 | 5,725 | 550 | 8.7 | 6,150 | 5,675 | 475 | 7.7 |
| COLUMBIA (CALDWELL) | 4,400 | 3,975 | 425 | 9.7 | 4,375 | 3,925 | 450 | 10.3 |
| CAMERON (CAMERON) | 3,750 | 3,450 | 300 | 7.6 | 3,675 | 3,375 | 300 | 8.1 |
| JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA) | 5,725 | 5,125 | 600 | 10.7 | 5,675 | 5,025 | 650 | 11.7 |
| HOMER (CLAIBORNE) | 5,650 | 5,100 | 550 | 9.2 | 5,550 | 5,075 | 475 | 8.4 |
| FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA) | 8,500 | 7,475 | 1,025 | 12.0 | 8,625 | 7,425 | 1,200 | 14.0 |
| MANSFIELD (DESOTO) | 10,050 | 9,225 | 825 | 8.1 | 10,075 | 9,200 | 875 | 8.8 |
| LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL) | 3,950 | 3,250 | 700 | 17.9 | 4,050 | 3,225 | 825 | 20.5 |
| CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA) | 8,075 | 7,450 | 625 | 7.6 | 7,950 | 7,325 | 625 | 7.8 |
| VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE) | 12,275 | 11,375 | 900 | 7.4 | 12,300 | 11,250 | 1,050 | 8.6 |
| WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN) | 10,875 | 9,800 | 1,075 | 9.9 | 10,850 | 9,650 | 1,200 | 11.0 |
| COLFAX (GRANT) | 6,925 | 6,150 | 775 | 11.2 | 6,975 | 6,100 | 875 | 12.4 |
| NEW IBERIA (IBERIA) | 29,125 | 26,825 | 2,300 | 7.9 | 28,700 | 26,350 | 2,350 | 8.2 |
| PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE) | 13,375 | 11,850 | 1,525 | 11.3 | 13,325 | 11,750 | 1,575 | 11.9 |
| JONESBORO (JACKSON) | 6,475 | 6,025 | 450 | 6.9 | 6,475 | 6,025 | 450 | 6.8 |
| JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS) | 11,850 | 10,875 | 975 | 8.3 | 11,800 | 10,700 | 1,100 | 9.4 |
| JENA (LASALLE) | 5,925 | 5,400 | 525 | 8.9 | 6,000 | 5,400 | 600 | 9.9 |
| RUSTON (LINCOLN) | 18,750 | 18,000 | 750 | 4.0 | 18,400 | 17,725 | 675 | 3.7 |
| TALLULAH (MADISON) | 5,325 | 4,725 | 600 | 11.4 | 5,350 | 4,625 | 725 | 13.7 |
| BASTROP (MOREHOUSE) | 13,900 | 12,325 | 1,575 | 11.4 | 13,975 | 12,225 | 1,750 | 12.5 |
| NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES) | 16,550 | 15,400 | 1,150 | 6.9 | 16,300 | 15,100 | 1,200 | 7.4 |
| NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE) | 10,050 | 9,050 | 1,000 | 10.0 | 10,050 | 9,000 | 1,050 | 10.5 |
| COUSHATTA (RED RIVER) | 3,800 | 3,450 | 350 | 9.2 | 3,775 | 3,400 | 375 | 10.0 |
| RAYVILLE (RICHLAND) | 9,000 | 7,950 | 1,050 | 11.6 | 9,050 | 7,875 | 1,175 | 13.0 |
| MANY (SABINE) | 9,075 | 8,550 | 525 | 5.8 | 8,950 | 8,375 | 575 | 6.4 |
| GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA) | 3,950 | 3,700 | 250 | 6.5 | 3,900 | 3,650 | 250 | 6.6 |
| MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY) | 24,200 | 21,900 | 2,300 | 9.5 | 23,925 | 21,425 | 2,500 | 10.5 |
| HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA) | 40,150 | 35,475 | 4,675 | 11.6 | 39,425 | 35,125 | 4,300 | 10.9 |
| ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS) | 3,475 | 3,200 | 275 | 7.8 | 3,475 | 3,125 | 350 | 10.4 |
| FARMERVILLE (UNION) | 11,475 | 10,775 | 700 | 6.1 | 11,300 | 10,575 | 725 | 6.5 |
| ABBEVILLE (VERMILION) | 22,200 | 20,625 | 1,575 | 7.1 | 22,025 | 20,200 | 1,825 | 8.2 |
| LEESVILLE (VERNON) | 16,750 | 15,025 | 1,725 | 10.3 | 16,825 | 14,925 | 1,900 | 11.3 |
| BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON) | 16,625 | 15,100 | 1,525 | 9.2 | 16,400 | 14,850 | 1,550 | 9.5 |
| OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL) | 5,575 | 4,350 | 1,225 | 21.9 | 5,750 | 4,325 | 1,425 | 24.6 |
| ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.) | 3,650 | 3,350 | 300 | 8.1 | 3,650 | 3,300 | 350 | 9.8 |
| WINNFIELD (WINN) | 6,500 | 6,100 | 400 | 6.1 | 6,425 | 6,025 | 400 | 6.4 |

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

## ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

|  | Apr. 1994* | Mar. 1994** | Apr. 1993** | Net Change From Mar. 1994 | Net Change From Apr. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 50.1 | 49.9 | 49.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.6 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| MINING | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 43.3 | 43.3 | 42.6 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 11.0 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 14.4 | 14.4 | 14.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Health Services | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA moved upward to 50,100. Goods producing was up 200, while service producing remained unchanged for April.

Goods producing employment rose to a level of 6,800, with all segments remaining stable with the exception of construction. More business activity in both general nonresidential and heavy construction was totally responsible for the current gains in the construction sector.

Service producing employment remained at 43,300 for April. This figure was 700 above April, 1993 with the largest over-the-year gains occurring in trade. Health services was the only industry within the services segment that reported job losses for both the current month and year-ago figures.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | Apr. 1994* | Mar. 1994** | Apr. 1993** | Net Change From Mar. 1994 | Net Change From Apr. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 259.4 | 258.5 | 254.3 | + 0.9 | + 5.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 54.5 | 54.1 | 53.5 | + 0.4 | + 1.0 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30.9 | 30.6 | 29.2 | + 0.3 | + 1.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 22.7 | 22.7 | 23.4 | 0 | - 0.7 |
| Durable Goods | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 16.9 | 16.9 | 17.4 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 204.9 | 204.4 | 200.8 | + 0.5 | + 4.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.7 | 11.6 | 11.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 56.9 | 57.0 | 55.5 | - 0.1 | + 1.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 43.6 | 43.7 | 42.2 | - 0.1 | + 1.4 |
| General Merchandise | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.9 | 14.9 | 14.5 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Banking | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 63.9 | 63.6 | 62.5 | + 0.3 | + 1.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 57.5 | 57.3 | 56.5 | + 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 55.1 | 54.9 | 54.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.9 |
| State | 30.6 | 30.5 | 30.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Local | 24.5 | 24.4 | 23.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA rebounded to a level of 259,400 in April. This current figure was 900 above the March revised estimate and 5,100 higher than the year-ago level.

Total goods producing employment moved upward to 54,500, an increase of 400 from the prior month. Mining increased to 900 due to more drilling activity in the surrounding area. Construction, after heavy losses in March, reported substantial gains in heavy construction. Manufacturing remained at 22,700 for April.

Service producing employment continued to rise to a level of 204,900 in April, an increase of 500 from the March level. Transportation, communications, and public utilities expanded to 11,700 in response to seasonal gains in water transportation. Trade moved downward to a level of 56,900 as a result of layoffs at a retail department store chain. The services segment was up substantially with gains occurring in the hotel, business, and health services industries. Noneducational staff increases in both state and local government were responsible for the overall growth in government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,500 production workers in all manufacturing were $680.89 for April, an increase of $19.98 from the March average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $62.84. Average weekly hours, at 43.9, increased by 0.9 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $15.51 increased by $0.14 cents an hour. The increase of higher-paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 270,000. This figure was comprised of 250,900 employed and 19,100 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.1 percent in April.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,706 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,276 referrals to current openings resulted in 124 placements during April.

## HOUMA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1994* | Mar. 1994** | Apr. 1993** | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 60.5 | 60.1 | 58.6 | + 0.4 | + 1.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.4 | 13.2 | 12.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| MINING | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Durable Goods | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 47.1 | 46.9 | 45.7 | + 0.2 | + 1.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Water Transportation | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.1 | 15.0 | 14.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.3 | 12.2 | 11.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| State | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA was estimated at 60,500 in April. This was 400 higher than the March revised estimate and 1,900 above April one year ago.

Goods producing rose by 200 over the month, to a level of 13,400 and was 500 above the year-ago figure of 12,900. Mining and construction had a small gain of 100 each, while manufacturing payrolls held steady in April.

Service producing employment increased 200 in April to 47,100. Transportation, communications, and public utilities; and trade had a minimal gain of 100 each, while all other segments remained unchanged over the month.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1994* | Mar. 1994** | Apr. 1993** | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 138.2 | 137.3 | 135.1 | + 0.9 | + 3.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 34.2 | 34.0 | 32.7 | + 0.2 | + 1.5 |
| MINING | 11.4 | 11.5 | 10.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16.0 | 15.9 | 15.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Durable Goods | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 104.0 | 103.3 | 102.4 | + 0.7 | + 1.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.0 | 8.1 | 7.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 35.0 | 34.8 | 34.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.1 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 26.9 | 26.7 | 26.4 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| General Merchandise | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Banking | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 33.1 | 32.6 | 32.3 | + 0.5 | + 0.8 |
| GOVERNMENT | 22.3 | 22.1 | 22.3 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Federal | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 21.0 | 20.8 | 21.0 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| State | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 14.6 | 14.4 | 14.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 138,200, an increase of 900 from the March revised estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,200, a gain of 200 from the prior month. Mining and manufacturing offset each other with a job change of 100 in their total employment. Construction rose 200 with the gains occurring in the heavy construction and special trade sectors.

Service producing employment was estimated at 104,000, a gain of 700 from the previous month. Trade was up 200 with the increase centered in food stores, and eating and drinking places. Services employment increased by 500 due mostly to the beginning of the horse racing season. Government rose by 200 in April due to employment increases in local government. The transportation, communications, and public utilities; and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors each had a job loss of 100 from the prior month.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1994* | Mar. 1994** | Apr. 1993** | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 74.4 | 74.4 | 70.9 | 0 | + 3.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 20.4 | 20.5 | 18.6 | - 0.1 | + 1.8 |
| MINING | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.8 | 8.0 | 6.4 | - 0.2 | + 1.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 11.2 | 11.1 | 10.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Durable Goods | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 54.0 | 53.9 | 52.3 | + 0.1 | + 1.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.2 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.3 | 16.0 | 16.1 | + 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.0 | 12.8 | 12.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 18.4 | 18.4 | 17.2 | 0 | + 1.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| State | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 8.2 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 0 | + 0.3 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 74,400 in April. This was unchanged from the March revised estimate and 3,500 above April, 1993.

Goods producing employment estimated at 20,400, was 100 less than last month, but 1,800 above April one year ago. Mining remained stable in April. Construction employment was down in the heavy construction segment. Manufacturing was up in the durable goods segment during April.

Service producing employment increased by 100 to a level of 54,000 in April. This was also higher than April, 1993 by 1,700. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was down by 200 mainly due to less business in the water transportation segment. Trade was higher in both the wholesale and retail segments. All other segments remained unchanged over the month.

## MONROE AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Apr. 1994* | Mar. 1994** | Apr. 1993** | Net Change From Mar. 1994 | Net Change From Apr. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 63.2 | 62.9 | 61.8 | + 0.3 | + 1.4 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 51.7 | 51.5 | 50.6 | + 0.2 | + 1.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.4 | 15.3 | 14.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 16.2 | 16.2 | 15.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.7 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.2 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| State | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 6.7 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 0 | - 0.3 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 63,200 during April, 1994. This figure was 300 above the March revised estimate and 1,400 higher than the estimate of April, 1993.

Goods producing, estimated at 11,500, was 100 higher than last month's estimate of 11,400 and 300 more than last year's estimate of 11,200. Construction rose slightly over the month and was 300 higher than one year ago. Manufacturing and mining remained unchanged over the month.

Service producing employment, estimated at 51,700, was up 200 for the month and 1,100 over the same period a year ago. Trade was up by 700 from a year ago, with a gain of 200 in wholesale trade and 500 in retail trade. Services was up by 400 compared to the prior year's estimate of 15,800. Government remained stable over the month, but dropped 300 from last year's level of 12,700, with the loss in local government.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Apr. 1994* | Mar. 1994** | Apr. 1993** | Net Change From Mar. 1994 | Net Change From Apr. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 575.4 | 575.0 | 566.2 | + 0.4 | + 9.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 87.8 | 87.8 | 85.6 | 0 | + 2.2 |
| MINING | 14.0 | 14.0 | 14.2 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 13.5 | 13.6 | 13.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 25.7 | 25.8 | 24.4 | - 0.1 | + 1.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 48.1 | 48.0 | 47.0 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| Durable Goods | 22.7 | 22.6 | 22.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 12.0 | 11.9 | 11.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.6 | 9.4 | 9.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Other Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 25.4 | 25.4 | 24.9 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 487.6 | 487.2 | 480.6 | + 0.4 | + 7.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 42.9 | 42.9 | 42.2 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.1 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Water Transportation | 11.8 | 11.9 | 12.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 12.8 | 12.8 | 12.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 139.7 | 139.6 | 139.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33.3 | 33.1 | 32.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.4 | 17.3 | 17.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.9 | 15.8 | 15.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 106.4 | 106.5 | 106.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| General Merchandise | 12.1 | 12.0 | 12.2 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Food Stores | 20.4 | 21.1 | 21.0 | - 0.7 | - 0.6 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 38.4 | 37.9 | 38.4 | + 0.5 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 29.9 | 30.0 | 29.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Banking | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| SERVICES | 172.0 | 171.9 | 168.1 | + 0.1 | + 3.9 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.3 | 13.4 | 13.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Health Services | 48.6 | 48.6 | 47.0 | 0 | + 1.6 |
| Educational Services | 19.0 | 19.0 | 18.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 103.1 | 102.8 | 101.5 | + 0.3 | + 1.6 |
| Federal | 17.2 | 17.3 | 17.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| State and Local | 85.9 | 85.5 | 84.1 | + 0.4 | + 1.8 |
| State | 24.6 | 24.5 | 23.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Local | 61.3 | 61.0 | 60.2 | + 0.3 | + 1.1 |

# NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in April was estimated at 575,400, an increase of 400 from the March revised estimate and 9,200 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing, estimated at 87,800, remained steady over the month, but increased 2,200 from April, 1993. Mining employment was unchanged from March, but construction decreased 100, while manufacturing increased by 100.

Service producing employment increased to 487,600 in April. This was 400 above the March estimate and 7,000 higher than April one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment remained steady over the month. Trade rose by 100 with the increase centered in the wholesale segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment dropped by 100 mainly in the real estate sector. Services had a minimal gain of 100 over the month. Government was up mainly due to hiring in the local government sector.

An estimated 34,700 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $578.15 per week, down $2.20 from last month's revised average of $580.35. Average weekly hours were 44.1, up from 43.8 in March. Average hourly earnings were $13.11, down from $13.25 in March and $13.22 in April of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 41,900 for April. The unemployment rate registered 7.2 percent.

### SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1994* | Mar. 1994** | Apr. 1993** | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 155.6 | 155.1 | 151.9 | + 0.5 | + 3.7 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 32.3 | 32.1 | 29.9 | + 0.2 | + 2.4 |
| MINING | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20.6 | 20.4 | 18.5 | + 0.2 | + 2.1 |
| Durable Goods | 14.4 | 14.3 | 12.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.0 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.5 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 0 | + 1.7 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 123.3 | 123.0 | 122.0 | + 0.3 | + 1.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 7.8 | 8.1 | 8.4 | - 0.3 | - 0.6 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 36.5 | 36.4 | 35.4 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 27.7 | 27.7 | 26.7 | 0 | + 1.0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 41.1 | 40.7 | 40.4 | + 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| GOVERNMENT | 31.1 | 31.1 | 31.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 26.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 0 | 0 |
| State | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 17.6 | 17.5 | 17.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |

# SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA during the month of April was estimated at 155,600. This total shows an increase of 500 from the previous month and 3,700 more than April, 1993.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 32,300, was up 200 from the prior month. Manufacturing rose by 200 with the increase found in both the durable and nondurable goods sector.

Service producing employment, estimated at 123,300, was up 300 from the prior month. Services increased by 400 with the growth scattered across the entire sector. The trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors had a slight increase of 100 each. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment had a drop of 300 due primarily to the teamsters strike.

An estimated 15,900 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $640.09 in April, compared to $644.48 in March, and $539.31 a year ago. Average weekly hours increased to 45.3 in April, compared to 45.1 in March, and 41.2 a year ago. Average hourly earnings dropped to $14.13 in April, compared to $14.29 in March.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA, estimated at 170,900 included 158,300 employed and 12,600 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.4 percent.

THE FOLLOWING INSERT INCLUDES:

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE QUALITY CONTROL REPORT
# CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 1993

# LOUISIANA
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# ANNUAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1993

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Total Dollars Paid in Population . . . . . . . . . . . . .$162,250,336

Sample Size . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .915

| | Percentage of Dollars | 95% Confidence Interval (+/-) |
|---|---|---|
| Proper Payments | 81.0% | 2.8% |
| Overpayments | 19.0% | 2.8% |
| Underpayments | 0.8% | 0.3% |

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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in May was estimated at 1,676,400, an increase of 6,300 above the April revised level and 27,600 above May, 1993.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 338,100, displayed an increase from last month's figure of 334,000 and last year's figure of 327,700. Mining moved upward in the oil and gas extraction segment. Each segment of the construction industry exhibited substantial gains. Seasonal increases in the food and kindred products sector of nondurable goods was mainly responsible for the growth in manufacturing employment.

Employment in the service producing industries rose to a level of 1,338,300. Transportation, communications, and public utilities continued to ascend primarily as a result of more activity at the state's ports. Trade employment was higher in both the wholesale and retail sectors. Finance, insurance, and real estate payrolls dropped slightly in the real estate and insurance sectors. More business in hotels and other lodging places, business services, and amusement and recreation employment accounted for the majority of the increase in the services industry. State government plunged downward due to seasonal decreases having a negative effect on government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 137,400 production workers in manufacturing increased from $570.72 in April to $572.91 in May, an increase of $2.19, and an increase of $42.45 from May of last year. Average hourly earnings were five cents higher than April and $0.48 higher than May, 1993. Average weekly hours for May were unchanged from last month's figure of 43.7, but exhibited an increase over last year's figure of 42.0 hours.

The May preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.9 percent, a decrease from the April revised rate of 8.4 percent. The national unemployment rate for May was 6.0 percent, a decrease from the April rate of 6.4 percent. Total unemployment for May decreased to 153,600. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,935,900 with an increase in total employment to 1,782,300.

# LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Apr. 1994 | May 1993 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 1,676.4 | 1,670.1 | 1,648.8 | + 6.3 | +27.6 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 338.1 | 334.0 | 327.7 | + 4.1 | +10.4 |
| MINING | 46.0 | 45.5 | 45.6 | + 0.5 | + 0.4 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 44.1 | 43.6 | 43.8 | + 0.5 | + 0.3 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 105.3 | 102.2 | 98.6 | + 3.1 | + 6.7 |
| General Contractors | 18.3 | 16.6 | 16.7 | + 1.7 | + 1.6 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 41.2 | 40.6 | 39.4 | + 0.6 | + 1.8 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 45.8 | 45.0 | 42.5 | + 0.8 | + 3.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 186.8 | 186.3 | 183.5 | + 0.5 | + 3.3 |
| Durable Goods | 80.1 | 79.9 | 77.2 | + 0.2 | + 2.9 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 13.1 | 13.0 | 13.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 13.6 | 13.7 | 13.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.9 | 12.7 | 12.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.8 | 21.7 | 19.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.4 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.7 | 106.4 | 106.3 | + 0.3 | + 0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 21.6 | 21.0 | 21.4 | + 0.6 | + 0.2 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 11.9 | 12.0 | 12.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.2 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 9.4 | 9.7 | 9.4 | - 0.3 | 0 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 1,338.3 | 1,336.1 | 1,321.1 | + 2.2 | +17.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 107.0 | 106.3 | 105.0 | + 0.7 | + 2.0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 64.4 | 63.9 | 62.2 | + 0.5 | + 2.2 |
| Water Transportation | 22.7 | 22.6 | 22.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.8 | 37.6 | 37.9 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.8 | 15.7 | 15.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 22.0 | 21.9 | 22.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |

## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 387.5 | 385.5 | 382.3 | + 2.0 | + 5.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 86.7 | 86.3 | 85.6 | + 0.4 | + 1.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.2 | 47.0 | 46.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.7 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 39.5 | 39.3 | 39.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 300.8 | 299.2 | 296.7 | + 1.6 | + 4.1 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 11.8 | 11.6 | 11.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| General Merchandise | 40.8 | 40.5 | 39.3 | + 0.3 | + 1.5 |
| Food Stores | 58.7 | 58.6 | 58.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 34.1 | 33.9 | 33.1 | + 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 15.4 | 15.3 | 15.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 98.9 | 98.3 | 97.7 | + 0.6 | + 1.2 |
| Other Retail Trade | 30.5 | 30.4 | 31.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 78.4 | 78.5 | 77.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Banking | 28.0 | 27.9 | 27.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Insurance | 26.7 | 26.8 | 26.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 421.4 | 420.9 | 411.6 | + 0.5 | + 9.8 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 22.3 | 22.0 | 22.1 | + 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| Personal Services | 14.3 | 16.0 | 14.2 | - 1.7 | + 0.1 |
| Business Services | 69.6 | 68.7 | 66.9 | + 0.9 | + 2.7 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 17.2 | 15.7 | 14.7 | + 1.5 | + 2.5 |
| Health Services | 142.7 | 142.9 | 139.0 | - 0.2 | + 3.7 |
| Hospitals | 60.0 | 60.3 | 59.0 | - 0.3 | + 1.0 |
| Legal Services | 16.4 | 16.4 | 16.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Educational Services | 27.5 | 28.1 | 27.2 | - 0.6 | + 0.3 |
| Social Services | 26.0 | 26.0 | 25.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.7 | 26.6 | 26.7 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 27.7 | 27.9 | 27.7 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 0 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 344.0 | 344.9 | 344.3 | - 0.9 | - 0.3 |
| Federal | 37.2 | 37.0 | 37.3 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 306.8 | 307.9 | 307.0 | - 1.1 | - 0.2 |
| State | 106.2 | 107.8 | 105.9 | - 1.6 | + 0.3 |
| Local | 200.6 | 200.1 | 201.1 | + 0.5 | - 0.5 |

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $572.91 | $570.72 | $530.46 | 43.7 | 43.7 | 42.0 | $13.11 | $13.06 | $12.63 |
| Durable Goods | 525.98 | 527.62 | 469.79 | 44.2 | 44.6 | 42.4 | 11.90 | 11.83 | 11.08 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 409.77 | 404.92 | 388.49 | 43.5 | 43.4 | 43.7 | 9.42 | 9.33 | 8.89 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 470.79 | 458.27 | 482.03 | 41.7 | 41.1 | 43.0 | 11.29 | 11.15 | 11.21 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 435.72 | 445.40 | 427.20 | 41.3 | 42.5 | 41.8 | 10.55 | 10.48 | 10.22 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 515.13 | 527.48 | 479.83 | 44.6 | 45.2 | 42.5 | 11.55 | 11.67 | 11.29 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 972.44 | 863.39 | 846.39 | 50.1 | 47.0 | 47.9 | 19.41 | 18.37 | 17.67 |
| Transportation Equipment | 589.81 | 631.28 | 472.03 | 45.3 | 47.5 | 39.8 | 13.02 | 13.29 | 11.86 |
| Nondurable Goods | 612.37 | 605.32 | 578.80 | 43.4 | 42.9 | 41.7 | 14.11 | 14.11 | 13.88 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 347.99 | 354.08 | 320.52 | 40.7 | 40.1 | 37.4 | 8.55 | 8.83 | 8.57 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 263.34 | 250.12 | 221.58 | 38.0 | 37.0 | 34.3 | 6.93 | 6.76 | 6.46 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 694.64 | 656.74 | 650.62 | 45.7 | 43.9 | 44.2 | 15.20 | 14.96 | 14.72 |
| Printing & Publishing | 470.45 | 465.95 | 453.55 | 39.5 | 38.7 | 38.6 | 11.91 | 12.04 | 11.75 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 912.91 | 873.50 | 835.75 | 46.2 | 45.4 | 45.2 | 19.76 | 19.24 | 18.49 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 943.09 | 1,018.29 | 963.75 | 47.8 | 49.6 | 47.9 | 19.73 | 20.53 | 20.12 |
| Petroleum Refining | 964.02 | 1,044.95 | 994.37 | 47.7 | 49.5 | 48.2 | 20.21 | 21.11 | 20.63 |
| **MINING** | 661.75 | 667.39 | 652.91 | 51.1 | 49.4 | 49.5 | 12.95 | 13.51 | 13.19 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 632.18 | 608.75 | 574.49 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 40.6 | 14.84 | 14.29 | 14.15 |
| **BANKING** | 343.55 | 336.94 | 325.83 | 37.1 | 39.5 | 36.9 | 9.26 | 8.53 | 8.83 |

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **137,400** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **82,400** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $688.19 | $660.96 | $648.83 | 44.2 | 43.2 | 43.4 | $15.57 | $15.30 | $14.95 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 948.42 | 910.10 | 910.10 | 47.9 | 46.6 | 47.5 | 19.80 | 19.53 | 19.16 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $586.53 | $596.72 | $542.10 | 44.3 | 44.9 | 41.7 | $13.24 | $13.29 | $13.00 |
| Durable Goods | 475.33 | 502.65 | 423.55 | 42.9 | 45.0 | 39.4 | 11.08 | 11.17 | 10.75 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 475.20 | 452.61 | 467.64 | 43.2 | 41.6 | 43.3 | 11.00 | 10.88 | 10.80 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 415.80 | 419.63 | 425.76 | 39.6 | 41.1 | 41.7 | 10.50 | 10.21 | 10.21 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 455.01 | 480.76 | 367.28 | 43.5 | 45.7 | 36.4 | 10.46 | 10.52 | 10.09 |
| Nondurable Goods | 682.50 | 676.93 | 638.74 | 45.5 | 44.8 | 43.6 | 15.00 | 15.11 | 14.65 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 430.10 | 429.28 | 388.24 | 42.5 | 43.1 | 40.4 | 10.12 | 9.96 | 9.61 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 193.09 | 167.48 | 186.62 | 35.3 | 31.9 | 32.4 | 5.47 | 5.25 | 5.76 |
| Printing & Publishing | 491.99 | 481.12 | 469.06 | 43.5 | 41.8 | 41.4 | 11.31 | 11.51 | 11.33 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 930.70 | 877.01 | 897.48 | 47.1 | 45.3 | 48.2 | 19.76 | 19.36 | 18.62 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **34,800** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $604.12 | $642.14 | $508.80 | 44.0 | 45.9 | 40.0 | $13.73 | $13.99 | $12.72 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 342.44 | 354.71 | 324.31 | 44.3 | 44.9 | 41.0 | 7.73 | 7.90 | 7.91 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 355.17 | 466.34 | 295.63 | 32.2 | 41.6 | 27.5 | 11.03 | 11.21 | 10.75 |
| Printing and Publishing | 401.83 | 412.57 | 399.74 | 38.6 | 39.9 | 39.5 | 10.41 | 10.34 | 10.12 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 649.07 | 671.85 | 611.15 | 47.0 | 48.3 | 42.5 | 13.81 | 13.91 | 14.38 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| | PRELIMINARY May, 1994 | | | | REVISED Apr., 1994 | | | | REVISED May, 1993 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (in thousands) | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE |
| **LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)** | 1,935.9 | 1,782.3 | 153.6 | 7.9 | 1,917.8 | 1,757.2 | 160.6 | 8.4 | 1,881.0 | 1,742.1 | 138.9 | 7.4 |
| **LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)** | 1,928.0 | 1,785.7 | 142.3 | 7.4 | 1,899.6 | 1,753.6 | 146.0 | 7.7 | 1,872.8 | 1,745.3 | 127.5 | 6.8 |
| **METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria 1/ | 56.8 | 53.0 | 3.8 | 6.6 | 55.7 | 51.8 | 3.9 | 6.9 | 55.3 | 52.0 | 3.3 | 5.9 |
| Baton Rouge 2/ | 274.0 | 254.6 | 19.4 | 7.1 | 270.1 | 250.9 | 19.2 | 7.1 | 268.0 | 252.1 | 15.9 | 5.9 |
| Houma 3/ | 78.6 | 73.5 | 5.1 | 6.5 | 76.9 | 71.6 | 5.3 | 6.9 | 75.6 | 70.5 | 5.1 | 6.8 |
| Lafayette 4/ | 157.6 | 146.8 | 10.8 | 6.9 | 154.9 | 144.1 | 10.8 | 7.0 | 154.0 | 143.8 | 10.2 | 6.6 |
| Lake Charles 5/ | 80.8 | 74.5 | 6.3 | 7.8 | 79.8 | 73.4 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 78.1 | 72.2 | 5.9 | 7.5 |
| Monroe 6/ | 65.9 | 61.5 | 4.4 | 6.6 | 65.2 | 60.6 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 65.0 | 60.7 | 4.3 | 6.7 |
| New Orleans 7/ | 593.6 | 553.0 | 40.6 | 6.8 | 585.9 | 543.8 | 42.1 | 7.2 | 582.5 | 545.1 | 37.4 | 6.4 |
| Shreveport-Bossier City 8/ | 174.9 | 162.7 | 12.2 | 7.0 | 171.5 | 158.7 | 12.8 | 7.4 | 168.7 | 158.0 | 10.7 | 6.3 |

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette, St. Martin, Acadia, and St. Landry parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. James, Plaquemines, and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier, Caddo, and Webster parishes.

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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States.

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| MAY 1994 | 147.5 | + 0.1 | + 2.3 |
| MAY 1993 | 144.2 | + 0.1 | + 3.2 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| | PRELIMINARY MAY 94 | | | | REVISED APRIL 94 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AREA | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE |
| OAKDALE (ALLEN) | 8,650 | 7,800 | 850 | 10.0 | 8,525 | 7,600 | 925 | 10.7 |
| NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION) | 9,350 | 8,425 | 925 | 9.9 | 9,050 | 8,200 | 850 | 9.4 |
| BUNKIE (AVOYELLES) | 15,050 | 13,375 | 1,675 | 11.2 | 15,050 | 13,150 | 1,900 | 12.7 |
| DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD) | 13,075 | 11,825 | 1,250 | 9.6 | 12,900 | 11,600 | 1,300 | 10.0 |
| ARCADIA (BIENVILLE) | 6,300 | 5,800 | 500 | 8.0 | 6,275 | 5,725 | 550 | 8.7 |
| COLUMBIA (CALDWELL) | 4,450 | 4,050 | 400 | 9.1 | 4,400 | 3,975 | 425 | 9.7 |
| CAMERON (CAMERON) | 3,825 | 3,600 | 225 | 6.1 | 3,750 | 3,475 | 275 | 7.5 |
| JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA) | 5,800 | 5,225 | 575 | 9.8 | 5,750 | 5,150 | 600 | 10.6 |
| HOMER (CLAIBORNE) | 5,700 | 5,200 | 500 | 8.6 | 5,625 | 5,100 | 525 | 9.5 |
| FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA) | 8,675 | 7,625 | 1,050 | 12.1 | 8,475 | 7,475 | 1,000 | 11.9 |
| MANSFIELD (DESOTO) | 10,250 | 9,425 | 825 | 7.9 | 10,025 | 9,225 | 800 | 8.1 |
| LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL) | 3,850 | 3,275 | 575 | 15.1 | 3,950 | 3,250 | 700 | 17.7 |
| CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA) | 8,250 | 7,625 | 625 | 7.6 | 8,075 | 7,475 | 600 | 7.5 |
| VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE) | 12,500 | 11,600 | 900 | 7.3 | 12,275 | 11,375 | 900 | 7.4 |
| WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN) | 10,825 | 9,875 | 950 | 8.8 | 10,875 | 9,800 | 1,075 | 9.8 |
| COLFAX (GRANT) | 7,100 | 6,325 | 775 | 11.0 | 6,925 | 6,150 | 775 | 11.2 |
| NEW IBERIA (IBERIA) | 29,650 | 27,175 | 2,475 | 8.4 | 29,075 | 26,800 | 2,275 | 7.8 |
| PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE) | 13,500 | 11,975 | 1,525 | 11.2 | 13,375 | 11,850 | 1,525 | 11.4 |
| JONESBORO (JACKSON) | 6,650 | 6,225 | 425 | 6.3 | 6,475 | 6,025 | 450 | 6.8 |
| JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS) | 12,050 | 11,125 | 925 | 7.6 | 11,850 | 10,875 | 975 | 8.3 |
| JENA (LASALLE) | 6,050 | 5,525 | 525 | 8.5 | 5,925 | 5,400 | 525 | 8.9 |
| RUSTON (LINCOLN) | 19,275 | 18,550 | 725 | 3.7 | 18,750 | 18,000 | 750 | 4.0 |
| TALLULAH (MADISON) | 5,325 | 4,775 | 550 | 10.3 | 5,325 | 4,725 | 600 | 11.3 |
| BASTROP (MOREHOUSE) | 14,025 | 12,600 | 1,425 | 10.1 | 13,925 | 12,325 | 1,600 | 11.5 |
| NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES) | 16,875 | 15,525 | 1,350 | 8.0 | 16,550 | 15,400 | 1,150 | 7.0 |
| NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE) | 10,225 | 9,150 | 1,075 | 10.5 | 10,050 | 9,050 | 1,000 | 9.9 |
| COUSHATTA (RED RIVER) | 3,875 | 3,525 | 350 | 9.0 | 3,800 | 3,450 | 350 | 9.2 |
| RAYVILLE (RICHLAND) | 9,000 | 8,050 | 950 | 10.4 | 9,000 | 7,950 | 1,050 | 11.6 |
| MANY (SABINE) | 9,225 | 8,650 | 575 | 6.2 | 9,050 | 8,525 | 525 | 5.9 |
| GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA) | 4,025 | 3,775 | 250 | 6.0 | 3,950 | 3,700 | 250 | 6.6 |
| MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY) | 24,600 | 22,450 | 2,150 | 8.7 | 24,175 | 21,900 | 2,275 | 9.4 |
| HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA) | 40,650 | 36,175 | 4,475 | 11.0 | 40,150 | 35,475 | 4,675 | 11.7 |
| ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS) | 3,500 | 3,200 | 300 | 8.4 | 3,475 | 3,200 | 275 | 7.7 |
| FARMERVILLE (UNION) | 11,650 | 10,975 | 675 | 5.9 | 11,475 | 10,775 | 700 | 6.1 |
| ABBEVILLE (VERMILION) | 22,350 | 20,850 | 1,500 | 6.7 | 22,200 | 20,625 | 1,575 | 7.1 |
| LEESVILLE (VERNON) | 16,925 | 15,425 | 1,500 | 8.9 | 16,750 | 15,025 | 1,725 | 10.3 |
| BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON) | 16,925 | 15,375 | 1,550 | 9.2 | 16,625 | 15,100 | 1,525 | 9.2 |
| OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL) | 5,450 | 4,375 | 1,075 | 19.7 | 5,575 | 4,350 | 1,225 | 22.0 |
| ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.) | 3,700 | 3,375 | 325 | 8.5 | 3,650 | 3,350 | 300 | 8.2 |
| WINNFIELD (WINN) | 6,650 | 6,225 | 425 | 6.3 | 6,500 | 6,100 | 400 | 6.1 |

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

# ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 50.7 | 50.2 | 49.5 | + 0.5 | + 1.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.7 | + 0.3 | + 0.4 |
| MINING | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 | + 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 43.6 | 43.4 | 42.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 11.1 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 9.1 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 14.4 | 14.4 | 14.1 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Health Services | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.4 | 13.2 | 13.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.1 | 10.9 | 10.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| State | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA rose to a level of 50,700 in May. This figure was 500 more than April and 1,200 greater than the prior year level of 49,500.

The goods producing sector was on the upswing in May, moving up to a level of 7,100. Construction was up 300 both currently and over the year, as all segments reported more business activity. Mining and manufacturing remained unchanged from the prior month.

The service producing sector experienced a 200 job growth in May and increased 800 from the prior year. The current increase was centered entirely in local government, due to increased staff positions in local education. The prior year growth was scattered throughout the service producing sector.

# BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

|  | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 258.2 | 259.5 | 255.3 | - 1.3 | + 2.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 55.1 | 54.6 | 55.3 | + 0.5 | - 0.2 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 31.3 | 30.8 | 30.7 | + 0.5 | + 0.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 22.9 | 22.9 | 23.7 | 0 | - 0.8 |
| Durable Goods | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.6 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.1 | 12.2 | 12.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 203.1 | 204.9 | 200.0 | - 1.8 | + 3.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 57.2 | 57.0 | 55.8 | + 0.2 | + 1.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 43.9 | 43.7 | 42.4 | + 0.2 | + 1.5 |
| General Merchandise | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.7 | 14.8 | 14.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Banking | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.1 | 0 | + 0.9 |
| GOVERNMENT | 55.5 | 57.4 | 54.7 | - 1.9 | + 0.8 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 53.1 | 55.0 | 52.4 | - 1.9 | + 0.7 |
| State | 28.4 | 30.4 | 28.4 | - 2.0 | 0 |
| Local | 24.7 | 24.6 | 24.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 258,200, responding to seasonal reductions in state government. The comparable year-ago level of 255,300 included significant increases in the service producing sector.

The goods producing sector continued to move upward to a level of 55,100 for May. This estimate was 200 less than the year-ago total of 55,300. Construction edged upward to 31,300 as a result of increased business activity solely in the general contractors nonresidential segment. Construction was the only industry reporting over-the-year gains in the goods producing sector. Seasonal employment gains in the food and kindred products segment was offset by losses in chemical and petroleum products, causing manufacturing to remain unchanged over the month.

The service producing sector shifted downward to a level of 203,100, reflecting the typical seasonal release of nonfaculty staff at state colleges and universities. Also on the downturn was finance, insurance, and real estate due to lay-offs in the insurance industry. Trade reported improved business in miscellaneous retail, automotive dealers, and eating and drinking places. Trade was up 1,400 over the prior year, with the increase in the retail segment. Temporary hires in local education were responsible for the over-the-month rise of 100 in local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,600 production workers in all manufacturing was $688.19 for May, an increase of $27.23 from the April average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $39.36. Average weekly hours, at 44.2, decreased by 1.0 hour in May, while average hourly earnings, at $15.57, increased by $0.27 an hour. The increase of higher paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 274,000. This figure was comprised of 254,600 employed and 19,400 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.1 percent in May.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,356 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,424 referrals to current openings resulted in 86 placements during May.

## HOUMA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.2 | 60.5 | 59.1 | + 0.7 | + 2.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.7 | 13.4 | 13.0 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| MINING | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Durable Goods | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 47.5 | 47.1 | 46.1 | + 0.4 | + 1.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.2 | 15.1 | 14.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.3 | 12.3 | 11.8 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 11.8 | 11.7 | 11.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 12.1 | 11.9 | 11.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| State | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA moved up to 61,200, a level of 700 above the April revised figure and 2,100 above May, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 13,700, up 300 from April and 700 higher than last year's estimate. Mining held steady. Construction, estimated at 3,200, showed a small increase of 100. In manufacturing, durable and nondurable goods increased over-the-month by 100 each.

Service producing employment exhibited an overall gain of 400. Transportation, communications, and public utilities remained unchanged over the month. Trade rose slightly by 100 with the gain in the wholesale sector. Services, estimated at 11,800, increased by 100 from April and 400 from last year's figure of 11,400. Government moved up by 200, with the gain in state and local government.

Estimated unemployment was 5,100 in May. Unemployment presently comprises 6.5 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma MSA.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 138.5 | 138.1 | 135.8 | + 0.4 | + 2.7 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 34.2 | 34.3 | 33.2 | - 0.1 | + 1.0 |
| MINING | 11.3 | 11.4 | 10.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 104.3 | 103.8 | 102.6 | + 0.5 | + 1.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 8.0 | 8.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 35.1 | 34.9 | 34.6 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.1 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 27.0 | 26.8 | 26.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| General Merchandise | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 33.4 | 33.1 | 32.4 | + 0.3 | + 1.0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 22.1 | 22.2 | 22.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Federal | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 20.8 | 20.9 | 20.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| State | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 14.5 | 14.5 | 14.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 138,500, an increase of 400 from the April revised estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,200 in May. This was 100 below last month's estimate, with the mining industry causing the decline in the goods producing sector. The construction and manufacturing industries were unchanged from last month, but compared to a year ago these two sectors have shown an estimated total employment growth of 600 jobs.

Service producing employment was estimated at 104,300, this was a gain of 500 from the previous month. Trade was up 200 with the gain showing in the automotive dealers and miscellaneous retail sectors. Services was up 300 primarily due to seasonal hiring. Government and transportation, communications, and public utilities offset each other with a job change of 100 in their total employment.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 73.8 | 74.2 | 71.5 | - 0.4 | + 2.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 19.7 | 20.3 | 19.1 | - 0.6 | + 0.6 |
| MINING | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.2 | 7.8 | 6.8 | - 0.6 | + 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 11.1 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 54.1 | 53.9 | 52.4 | + 0.2 | + 1.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.3 | 16.2 | 16.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.0 | 12.9 | 12.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 18.4 | 18.4 | 17.1 | 0 | + 1.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| State | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 8.2 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 0 | + 0.3 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 73,800, a decrease of 400 from the April, 1994 revised estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,700, a drop of 600 from the prior month. Construction was off by 600 due to a downturn in the heavy construction sector. Mining and manufacturing industries showed no change from April's level.

Service producing employment was estimated at 54,100, a gain of 200 from the April estimate. Transportation, communications, and public utilities, and trade each had a job increase of 100; while all other sectors held steady for the month.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

|  | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 62.8 | 63.2 | 61.9 | - 0.4 | + 0.9 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.3 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.2 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 51.4 | 51.6 | 50.6 | - 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.3 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.7 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 16.2 | 16.2 | 15.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.2 | 12.4 | 12.5 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.7 | 11.9 | 12.0 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| State | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 62,800 during May, 1994. This was a decrease of 400 from the April revised figure and 900 above the May, 1993 estimate.

Goods producing, estimated at 11,400, was 200 below the April estimate and 100 above May, 1993. The loss was in construction and manufacturing nondurable goods.

Service producing, estimated at 51,400, was 200 lower than last month's figure of 51,600 and 800 higher than last year's figure of 50,600. The finance, insurance, and real estate, trade and services sectors remained unchanged over the month. Government declined by 200 with the loss in state and local government.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Apr. 1994 | May 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 574.4 | 575.2 | 568.6 | - 0.8 | + 5.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 87.2 | 87.6 | 86.8 | - 0.4 | + 0.4 |
| MINING | 13.9 | 13.9 | 14.3 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 13.4 | 13.5 | 13.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 24.9 | 25.5 | 25.3 | - 0.6 | - 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 48.4 | 48.2 | 47.2 | + 0.2 | + 1.2 |
| Durable Goods | 22.9 | 22.6 | 22.2 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Transportation Equipment | 12.2 | 12.0 | 11.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Other Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 25.5 | 25.6 | 25.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.8 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 487.2 | 487.6 | 481.8 | - 0.4 | + 5.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 42.8 | 42.9 | 42.8 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Water Transportation | 11.5 | 11.9 | 12.3 | - 0.4 | - 0.8 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 139.9 | 139.8 | 140.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33.3 | 33.2 | 32.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.5 | 17.4 | 17.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 106.6 | 106.6 | 107.3 | 0 | - 0.7 |
| General Merchandise | 12.3 | 12.2 | 12.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Food Stores | 20.4 | 20.5 | 21.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 38.3 | 38.4 | 39.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.8 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 29.9 | 30.0 | 29.6 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Banking | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| SERVICES | 171.4 | 171.9 | 167.8 | - 0.5 | + 3.6 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.6 | 13.3 | 13.5 | + 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| Health Services | 48.9 | 48.7 | 47.2 | + 0.2 | + 1.7 |
| Educational Services | 18.6 | 19.1 | 18.6 | - 0.5 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 103.2 | 103.0 | 101.5 | + 0.2 | + 1.7 |
| Federal | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.5 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| State and Local | 86.0 | 85.8 | 84.0 | + 0.2 | + 2.0 |
| State | 24.7 | 24.6 | 23.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.9 |
| Local | 61.3 | 61.2 | 60.2 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA for May was estimated at 574,400. This estimate was 800 less than the April revised figure, but 5,800 above the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 87,200 in May. This was 400 below last month's estimate, but 400 higher than May, 1993. Mining remained stable for May. Construction employment was down by 600 due to less activity in each segment of the industry. Manufacturing payrolls increased mainly due to more business in the durable goods segment.

Service producing, estimated at 487,200, was 400 lower in May, but 5,400 more than May of last year. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down in the water transportation segment. Trade employment was 100 higher in the wholesale durable goods segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment decreased in the insurance segment. A seasonal decrease in educational services was mainly responsible for the downturn in the services industry. Government employment was up in the state and local government, except education, segments for May.

An estimated 34,800 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $586.53 per week, down $10.19 from last month's revised average. Average weekly hours were 44.3, down from 44.9 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.24, down from $13.29 in April, but $0.24 higher than May of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 40,600 in May. The unemployment rate registered 6.8 percent.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

|  |  |  |  | Net Change From |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Apr. 1994 | May 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 157.6 | 156.0 | 153.7 | + 1.6 | + 3.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 32.1 | 32.1 | 30.7 | 0 | + 1.4 |
| MINING | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.5 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20.6 | 20.6 | 18.6 | 0 | + 2.0 |
| Durable Goods | 14.4 | 14.4 | 12.5 | 0 | + 1.9 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.5 | 5.5 | 3.7 | 0 | + 1.8 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 125.5 | 123.9 | 123.0 | + 1.6 | + 2.5 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 7.8 | 8.3 | + 0.3 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 36.8 | 36.6 | 35.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 28.0 | 27.8 | 27.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 42.5 | 41.4 | 41.1 | + 1.1 | + 1.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 31.3 | 31.3 | 31.0 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 26.2 | 26.2 | 26.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 157,600 for May. This estimate was 1,600 higher than the April revised estimate and 3,900 higher than the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 32,100, held steady for the month. All industries in the goods producing sector showed no change in May from April's level.

Service producing employment, estimated at 125,500, was up by 1,600 from the prior month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities increased by 300 primarily due to the Teamster's strike ending. Trade rose by 200 mostly due to more business activity in the automotive dealers sector. Services was up by 1,100 jobs primarily due to one of three riverboat gambling casinos coming on line.

An estimated 15,600 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $604.12 in May, compared to $642.14 in April, and $508.80 a year ago. Average weekly hours decreased to 44.0 in May, compared to 45.9 in April. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.73 in May, compared to $13.99 in April.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA, estimated at 174,900, included 162,700 employed and 12,200 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.0 percent.

# INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF MAY 1994

| | LOUISIANA | | | ALEXANDRIA AREA | | | BATON ROUGE AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE |
| Mining (10-14) | 1,110 | 920 | 190 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 21 | 16 | 5 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 8,480 | 5,771 | 2,709 | 201 | 158 | 43 | 1,874 | 1,348 | 526 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 3,623 | 1,854 | 1,769 | 74 | 42 | 32 | 275 | 161 | 114 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 1,515 | 848 | 667 | 17 | 11 | 6 | 171 | 96 | 75 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 903 | 605 | 298 | 21 | 13 | 8 | 158 | 110 | 48 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 3,597 | 1,867 | 1,730 | 95 | 53 | 42 | 439 | 179 | 260 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 876 | 623 | 253 | 26 | 23 | 3 | 109 | 81 | 28 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 6,871 | 3,737 | 3,134 | 193 | 100 | 93 | 799 | 417 | 382 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 1,109 | 569 | 540 | 31 | 21 | 10 | 87 | 45 | 42 |
| All Others | 124 | 58 | 66 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 48 | 19 | 29 |
| Totals | 28,208 | 16,852 | 11,356 | 672 | 435 | 237 | 3,981 | 2,472 | 1,509 |
| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 3,768 | 2,803 | 965 | 72 | 60 | 12 | 582 | 403 | 179 |
| Clerical and Sales | 6,200 | 4,054 | 2,146 | 150 | 103 | 47 | 840 | 499 | 341 |
| Services Occupations | 2,781 | 767 | 2,014 | 87 | 32 | 55 | 206 | 55 | 151 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related | 316 | 134 | 182 | 16 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 6 |
| Processing Occupations | 713 | 328 | 385 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 47 | 35 | 12 |
| Machine Trades | 1,135 | 775 | 360 | 63 | 55 | 8 | 109 | 79 | 30 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 925 | 449 | 476 | 23 | 9 | 14 | 36 | 24 | 12 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 8,410 | 5,510 | 2,900 | 176 | 128 | 48 | 1,775 | 1,197 | 578 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 3,960 | 2,032 | 1,928 | 80 | 39 | 41 | 376 | 176 | 200 |
| Totals | 28,208 | 16,852 | 11,356 | 672 | 435 | 237 | 3,981 | 2,472 | 1,509 |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF MAY 1994

| | HOUMA AREA | | | LAFAYETTE AREA | | | LAKE CHARLES AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** |
| Mining (10-14) | 93 | 79 | 14 | 288 | 223 | 65 | 19 | 18 | 1 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 222 | 178 | 44 | 500 | 273 | 227 | 613 | 499 | 114 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 201 | 125 | 76 | 254 | 115 | 139 | 68 | 45 | 23 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 60 | 51 | 9 | 84 | 63 | 21 | 45 | 29 | 16 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 42 | 35 | 7 | 67 | 43 | 24 | 27 | 18 | 9 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 108 | 69 | 39 | 284 | 153 | 131 | 150 | 107 | 43 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 20 | 19 | 1 | 51 | 41 | 10 | 28 | 16 | 12 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 206 | 152 | 54 | 379 | 242 | 137 | 214 | 149 | 65 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 18 | 12 | 6 | 68 | 36 | 32 | 25 | 17 | 8 |
| All Others | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 971 | 721 | 250 | 1,978 | 1,191 | 787 | 1,190 | 898 | 292 |

| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 124 | 106 | 18 | 260 | 208 | 52 | 145 | 128 | 17 |
| Clerical and Sales | 179 | 141 | 38 | 414 | 314 | 100 | 248 | 196 | 52 |
| Services Occupations | 71 | 31 | 40 | 204 | 47 | 157 | 76 | 28 | 48 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ. | 15 | 12 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 7 |
| Processing Occupations | 132 | 73 | 59 | 62 | 26 | 36 | 31 | 21 | 10 |
| Machine Trades | 35 | 32 | 3 | 72 | 46 | 26 | 53 | 37 | 16 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 9 | 6 | 3 | 105 | 51 | 54 | 24 | 17 | 7 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 298 | 239 | 59 | 588 | 340 | 248 | 486 | 394 | 92 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 108 | 81 | 27 | 261 | 154 | 107 | 117 | 74 | 43 |
| Totals | 971 | 721 | 250 | 1,978 | 1,191 | 787 | 1,190 | 898 | 292 |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF MAY 1994

| | MONROE AREA | | | NEW ORLEANS AREA | | | SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE |
| Mining (10-14) | 11 | 11 | 0 | 190 | 137 | 53 | 97 | 85 | 12 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 237 | 182 | 55 | 1,850 | 1,001 | 849 | 448 | 247 | 201 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 99 | 58 | 41 | 752 | 386 | 366 | 420 | 182 | 238 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 19 | 14 | 5 | 764 | 356 | 408 | 116 | 58 | 58 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 7 | 6 | 1 | 294 | 177 | 117 | 110 | 77 | 33 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 163 | 88 | 75 | 1,269 | 592 | 677 | 378 | 163 | 215 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 36 | 28 | 8 | 412 | 263 | 149 | 91 | 64 | 27 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 271 | 152 | 119 | 2,803 | 1,458 | 1,345 | 663 | 318 | 345 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 22 | 6 | 16 | 339 | 120 | 219 | 138 | 88 | 50 |
| All Others | 1 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 13 | 25 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| Totals | 866 | 546 | 320 | 8,711 | 4,503 | 4,208 | 2,470 | 1,288 | 1,182 |

| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 116 | 92 | 24 | 1,631 | 1,150 | 481 | 306 | 227 | 79 |
| Clerical and Sales | 233 | 156 | 77 | 2,412 | 1,414 | 998 | 614 | 396 | 218 |
| Services Occupations | 104 | 30 | 74 | 1,110 | 247 | 863 | 355 | 66 | 289 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ. | 10 | 3 | 7 | 55 | 26 | 29 | 38 | 5 | 33 |
| Processing Occupations | 9 | 5 | 4 | 133 | 51 | 82 | 15 | 1 | 14 |
| Machine Trades | 53 | 39 | 14 | 310 | 179 | 131 | 121 | 70 | 51 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 8 | 2 | 6 | 128 | 54 | 74 | 112 | 45 | 67 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 156 | 120 | 36 | 1,966 | 1,001 | 965 | 418 | 222 | 196 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 177 | 99 | 78 | 966 | 381 | 585 | 491 | 256 | 235 |
| Totals | 866 | 546 | 320 | 8,711 | 4,503 | 4,208 | 2,470 | 1,288 | 1,182 |

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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,682,500 in June. May's revised estimate was 1,678,600 and the year-ago figure was 1,648,200.

Goods producing employment increased to a level of 338,100 from 336,500 in May and 329,500 in June, 1993. Mining was up in the oil and gas extraction sector. Construction exhibited growth in all sectors. The food and kindred products segment served as the major source for the boost in manufacturing employment.

Service producing employment soared to a level of 1,344,400. More business in the transportation sector was mainly responsible for the increase in the transportation, communications, and public utilities industry. Trade employment displayed a substantial gain in the wholesale and retail sectors. The eating and drinking places, food stores, and general merchandise segments of retail trade made up the majority of the gain. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment climbed slightly in all sectors. Services employment was lower primarily due to a seasonal decline in educational services. The hiring of summer youths at the local level expanded government payrolls.

Louisiana's 135,800 production workers in manufacturing had average weekly earnings of $573.33 in June, compared to $571.60 a month ago and $538.87 in June of last year. Average hourly earnings displayed a two cents decrease from May, but an increase of $0.44 from a year ago. Average weekly hours for June were 43.9. This was an increase of 0.2 hours from May and 1.2 hours from the year-ago figure.

The June preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.6 percent, a decrease from the May revised rate of 7.9 percent. The national unemployment rate for June remained the same as the May rate of 6.0 percent. Total unemployment for June decreased to 145,800. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,917,000 with a decrease in total employment to 1,771,200.

# LOUISIANA
# NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1994* | May 1994** | June 1993** | May 1994 | June 1993 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 1,682.5 | 1,678.6 | 1,648.2 | + 3.9 | +34.3 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 338.1 | 336.5 | 329.5 | + 1.6 | + 8.6 |
| MINING | 46.1 | 46.0 | 45.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 44.2 | 44.1 | 44.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 105.7 | 104.7 | 98.5 | + 1.0 | + 7.2 |
| General Contractors | 18.6 | 18.2 | 16.4 | + 0.4 | + 2.2 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 41.1 | 40.8 | 39.6 | + 0.3 | + 1.5 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 46.0 | 45.7 | 42.5 | + 0.3 | + 3.5 |
| MANUFACTURING | 186.3 | 185.8 | 185.1 | + 0.5 | + 1.2 |
| Durable Goods | 79.4 | 79.4 | 77.9 | 0 | + 1.5 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 13.3 | 13.2 | 13.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 12.8 | 13.1 | 13.7 | - 0.3 | - 0.9 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.9 | 12.8 | 13.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.7 | 21.6 | 19.6 | + 0.1 | + 2.1 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.9 | 106.4 | 107.2 | + 0.5 | - 0.3 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 22.3 | 21.7 | 21.8 | + 0.6 | + 0.5 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 10.5 | 10.9 | 11.4 | - 0.4 | - 0.9 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 11.6 | 11.6 | 12.0 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.6 | 30.4 | 30.4 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.6 | 10.5 | 10.6 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 1,344.4 | 1,342.1 | 1,318.7 | + 2.3 | +25.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 107.6 | 106.9 | 105.3 | + 0.7 | + 2.3 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 65.0 | 64.4 | 62.4 | + 0.6 | + 2.6 |
| Water Transportation | 22.6 | 22.5 | 22.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.8 | 37.7 | 38.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.9 | 15.9 | 15.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 21.9 | 21.8 | 22.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |

## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | June 1994* | May 1994** | June 1993** | Net Change From May 1994 | Net Change From June 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 391.2 | 388.0 | 384.4 | + 3.2 | + 6.8 |
| Wholesale Trade | 87.5 | 86.9 | 86.2 | + 0.6 | + 1.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.7 | 47.4 | 46.8 | + 0.3 | + 0.9 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 39.8 | 39.5 | 39.4 | + 0.3 | + 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 303.7 | 301.1 | 298.2 | + 2.6 | + 5.5 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 11.8 | 11.7 | 11.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| General Merchandise | 41.2 | 40.7 | 39.9 | + 0.5 | + 1.3 |
| Food Stores | 59.6 | 58.7 | 58.9 | + 0.9 | + 0.7 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 34.4 | 34.3 | 33.2 | + 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 99.7 | 99.1 | 98.2 | + 0.6 | + 1.5 |
| Other Retail Trade | 31.0 | 30.6 | 30.8 | + 0.4 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 79.4 | 78.8 | 78.2 | + 0.6 | + 1.2 |
| Banking | 28.3 | 28.0 | 27.9 | + 0.3 | + 0.4 |
| Insurance | 26.9 | 26.7 | 26.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 424.4 | 424.5 | 408.3 | - 0.1 | +16.1 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 22.0 | 22.4 | 21.4 | - 0.4 | + 0.6 |
| Personal Services | 14.4 | 14.3 | 14.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Business Services | 70.0 | 70.1 | 66.4 | - 0.1 | + 3.6 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 21.0 | 18.0 | 15.6 | + 3.0 | + 5.4 |
| Health Services | 145.2 | 144.2 | 140.4 | + 1.0 | + 4.8 |
| Hospitals | 61.2 | 60.7 | 59.7 | + 0.5 | + 1.5 |
| Legal Services | 16.6 | 16.5 | 16.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Educational Services | 22.0 | 27.4 | 21.8 | - 5.4 | + 0.2 |
| Social Services | 26.4 | 26.2 | 25.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.9 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.9 | 26.6 | 27.1 | + 0.3 | - 0.2 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 28.9 | 28.3 | 27.9 | + 0.6 | + 1.0 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.8 | - 0.2 | - 0.5 |
| GOVERNMENT | 341.8 | 343.9 | 342.5 | - 2.1 | - 0.7 |
| Federal | 37.0 | 37.1 | 37.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| State and Local | 304.8 | 306.8 | 305.3 | - 2.0 | - 0.5 |
| State | 101.7 | 106.1 | 101.7 | - 4.4 | 0 |
| Local | 203.1 | 200.7 | 203.6 | + 2.4 | - 0.5 |

*** Preliminary** ****Revised**
(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.
(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $573.33 | $571.60 | $538.87 | 43.9 | 43.7 | 42.7 | $13.06 | $13.08 | $12.62 |
| Durable Goods | 527.74 | 525.70 | 484.34 | 44.8 | 44.4 | 43.4 | 11.78 | 11.84 | 11.16 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 413.81 | 409.77 | 411.32 | 44.4 | 43.5 | 45.3 | 9.32 | 9.42 | 9.08 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 454.97 | 456.68 | 482.24 | 42.6 | 42.8 | 43.8 | 10.68 | 10.67 | 11.01 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 445.17 | 442.88 | 440.37 | 42.6 | 42.3 | 42.1 | 10.45 | 10.47 | 10.46 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 522.37 | 511.49 | 490.20 | 44.8 | 44.4 | 43.0 | 11.66 | 11.52 | 11.40 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 969.22 | 964.18 | 787.83 | 51.2 | 49.7 | 46.7 | 18.93 | 19.40 | 16.87 |
| Transportation Equipment | 594.23 | 592.47 | 498.95 | 46.1 | 45.4 | 41.1 | 12.89 | 13.05 | 12.14 |
| Nondurable Goods | 610.85 | 609.43 | 581.40 | 43.2 | 43.1 | 42.1 | 14.14 | 14.14 | 13.81 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 347.32 | 354.60 | 301.07 | 41.2 | 40.9 | 37.4 | 8.43 | 8.67 | 8.05 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 256.68 | 264.80 | 222.67 | 37.2 | 38.1 | 34.1 | 6.90 | 6.95 | 6.53 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 660.73 | 691.73 | 631.33 | 42.6 | 45.3 | 42.6 | 15.51 | 15.27 | 14.82 |
| Printing & Publishing | 482.36 | 476.37 | 453.18 | 40.5 | 39.5 | 38.7 | 11.91 | 12.06 | 11.71 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 911.27 | 903.10 | 874.18 | 46.9 | 46.1 | 47.1 | 19.43 | 19.59 | 18.56 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 949.53 | 918.90 | 964.89 | 46.5 | 45.4 | 48.1 | 20.42 | 20.24 | 20.06 |
| Petroleum Refining | 965.33 | 934.37 | 994.25 | 46.1 | 44.9 | 48.5 | 20.94 | 20.81 | 20.50 |
| **MINING** | 644.21 | 654.31 | 653.43 | 49.9 | 50.1 | 48.8 | 12.91 | 13.06 | 13.39 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 621.81 | 631.33 | 564.81 | 42.3 | 42.6 | 40.2 | 14.70 | 14.82 | 14.05 |
| **BANKING** | 335.59 | 343.18 | 312.99 | 37.0 | 37.1 | 36.1 | 9.07 | 9.25 | 8.67 |

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **135,800** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **83,200** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $659.62 | $679.04 | $649.88 | 43.0 | 43.5 | 44.3 | $15.34 | $15.61 | $14.67 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 906.29 | 951.22 | 898.67 | 46.5 | 47.8 | 47.7 | 19.49 | 19.90 | 18.84 |

**(1)** Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $600.76 | $579.46 | $547.87 | 44.9 | 43.7 | 41.6 | $13.38 | $13.26 | $13.17 |
| Durable Goods | 508.73 | 478.76 | 435.89 | 45.1 | 42.9 | 40.1 | 11.28 | 11.16 | 10.87 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 474.14 | 475.20 | 502.78 | 43.3 | 43.2 | 46.0 | 10.95 | 11.00 | 10.93 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 427.60 | 415.01 | 418.59 | 40.0 | 39.6 | 41.2 | 10.69 | 10.48 | 10.16 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 483.82 | 457.36 | 375.98 | 45.6 | 43.6 | 37.3 | 10.61 | 10.49 | 10.08 |
| Nondurable Goods | 679.26 | 666.89 | 638.78 | 44.6 | 44.4 | 42.9 | 15.23 | 15.02 | 14.89 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 438.57 | 451.73 | 335.21 | 44.3 | 43.9 | 35.1 | 9.90 | 10.29 | 9.55 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 182.04 | 193.09 | 176.64 | 33.9 | 35.3 | 32.0 | 5.37 | 5.47 | 5.52 |
| Printing & Publishing | 492.42 | 512.67 | 458.27 | 43.5 | 43.3 | 41.1 | 11.32 | 11.84 | 11.15 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 958.39 | 930.70 | 966.46 | 47.8 | 47.1 | 50.6 | 20.05 | 19.76 | 19.10 |

**(1)** Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **34,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** | June '94* | May '94** | June '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $590.02 | $604.28 | $520.29 | 43.9 | 44.4 | 41.0 | $13.44 | $13.61 | $12.69 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 378.85 | 342.44 | 373.76 | 48.2 | 44.3 | 46.2 | 7.86 | 7.73 | 8.09 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 318.38 | 295.63 | 291.07 | 29.7 | 27.5 | 27.8 | 10.72 | 10.75 | 10.47 |
| Printing and Publishing | 406.83 | 403.65 | 382.52 | 40.4 | 39.0 | 38.1 | 10.07 | 10.35 | 10.04 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 656.60 | 650.07 | 655.80 | 46.9 | 46.6 | 45.7 | 14.00 | 13.95 | 14.35 |

**(1)** Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

# LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| (in thousands) | PRELIMINARY JUN., 1994 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE | REVISED MAY, 1994 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE | REVISED JUN., 1993 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.) | 1917.0 | 1771.2 | 145.8 | 7.6 | 1937.0 | 1783.1 | 153.9 | 7.9 | 1871.0 | 1736.6 | 134.4 | 7.2 |
| LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED) | 1975.5 | 1804.9 | 170.6 | 8.6 | 1929.2 | 1786.5 | 142.7 | 7.4 | 1929.4 | 1770.4 | 159.0 | 8.2 |

DATA BELOW NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED - CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED. LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

| METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS & THEIR PARISH COMPONENTS | EMPLOYED PREL JUN '94 | EMPLOYED REV MAY '94 | EMPLOYED REV JUN '93 | UNEMPLOYED PREL JUN '94 | UNEMPLOYED REV MAY '94 | UNEMPLOYED REV JUN '93 | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE PREL JUN '94 | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REV MAY '94 | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REV JUN '93 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALEXANDRIA (RAPIDES) | 53.9 | 53.2 | 52.4 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 8.0 | 6.6 | 7.3 |
| BATON ROUGE | 259.1 | 255.4 | 255.7 | 23.6 | 19.4 | 20.6 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 7.5 |
| ASCENSION | 26.5 | 26.1 | 26.2 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 10.6 | 9.6 | 8.5 |
| EAST BATON ROUGE | 191.4 | 188.6 | 188.8 | 14.8 | 11.7 | 13.6 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 6.7 |
| LIVINGSTON | 32.4 | 32.0 | 32.0 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 12.2 | 11.1 | 10.4 |
| WEST BATON ROUGE | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 11.2 | 9.2 | 9.0 |
| HOUMA | 74.2 | 73.8 | 72.1 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 6.5 | 7.5 |
| LAFOURCHE | 35.0 | 34.8 | 34.0 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 8.1 | 6.5 | 7.8 |
| TERREBONNE | 39.2 | 39.0 | 38.1 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 7.2 |
| LAFAYETTE | 148.0 | 147.4 | 144.9 | 12.6 | 10.8 | 12.5 | 7.9 | 6.8 | 8.0 |
| ACADIA | 20.5 | 20.4 | 20.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 9.1 | 7.4 | 10.3 |
| LAFAYETTE | 81.9 | 81.6 | 80.2 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 6.0 |
| ST LANDRY | 27.5 | 27.4 | 26.9 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 11.4 | 10.0 | 11.7 |
| ST MARTIN | 18.1 | 18.0 | 17.7 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 9.3 | 7.9 | 8.0 |
| LAKE CHARLES (CALCASIEU) | 75.5 | 74.3 | 73.8 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 7.9 | 8.8 |
| MONROE (OUACHITA) | 62.1 | 61.9 | 60.8 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 8.3 | 6.6 | 8.0 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 555.9 | 550.9 | 552.4 | 48.9 | 40.8 | 46.7 | 8.1 | 6.9 | 7.8 |
| JEFFERSON | 217.4 | 215.4 | 216.0 | 16.2 | 13.8 | 15.4 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 6.7 |
| ORLEANS | 188.1 | 186.4 | 186.9 | 18.2 | 14.6 | 16.9 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 8.3 |
| PLAQUEMINES | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 8.6 |
| ST BERNARD | 28.7 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 8.9 | 7.6 | 8.3 |
| ST CHARLES | 19.1 | 18.9 | 19.0 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 9.1 | 8.0 | 8.9 |
| ST JAMES | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 15.8 | 13.7 | 13.9 |
| ST JOHN | 16.8 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 10.9 | 9.8 | 12.9 |
| ST TAMMANY | 68.5 | 67.8 | 68.0 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 7.1 |
| SHREV'T-BOSSIER CITY | 166.3 | 162.9 | 160.8 | 14.6 | 12.3 | 13.5 | 8.1 | 7.0 | 7.7 |
| BOSSIER | 39.5 | 38.7 | 38.2 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 7.1 |
| CADDO | 110.1 | 107.8 | 106.4 | 9.0 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 7.6 | 6.7 | 7.4 |
| WEBSTER | 16.7 | 16.4 | 16.2 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 13.4 | 11.7 | 11.5 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| PARISH | EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | PREL JUN '94 | REV MAY '94 | REV JUN '93 | PREL JUN '94 | REV MAY '94 | REV JUN '93 | PREL JUN '94 | REV MAY '94 | REV JUN '93 |
| ALLEN | 7975 | 7825 | 7725 | 1000 | 875 | 1100 | 11.2 | 10.0 | 12.4 |
| ASSUMPTION | 8525 | 8400 | 8225 | 1100 | 925 | 1000 | 11.4 | 9.9 | 10.8 |
| AVOYELLES | 14475 | 13450 | 13125 | 1825 | 1675 | 1650 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 11.2 |
| BEAUREGARD | 11950 | 11875 | 11700 | 1350 | 1250 | 1275 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 9.8 |
| BIENVILLE | 5850 | 5825 | 5700 | 625 | 500 | 550 | 9.6 | 8.0 | 8.7 |
| CALDWELL | 4025 | 4050 | 3975 | 550 | 400 | 400 | 11.9 | 9.0 | 9.4 |
| CAMERON | 3625 | 3625 | 3500 | 275 | 225 | 250 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| CATAHOULA | 5200 | 5200 | 4875 | 625 | 575 | 525 | 10.9 | 9.8 | 9.7 |
| CLAIBORNE | 5225 | 5225 | 5250 | 600 | 500 | 500 | 10.3 | 8.7 | 8.5 |
| CONCORDIA | 7625 | 7600 | 7500 | 1175 | 1050 | 1250 | 13.3 | 12.1 | 14.2 |
| DESOTO | 9500 | 9475 | 9175 | 1025 | 825 | 1075 | 9.7 | 7.9 | 10.5 |
| EAST CARROLL | 3200 | 3275 | 3050 | 625 | 575 | 650 | 16.4 | 15.0 | 17.4 |
| EAST FELICIANA | 7600 | 7575 | 7300 | 700 | 625 | 625 | 8.5 | 7.6 | 7.9 |
| EVANGELINE | 11625 | 11650 | 11150 | 1050 | 900 | 1125 | 8.3 | 7.2 | 9.2 |
| FRANKLIN | 9775 | 9875 | 9500 | 1050 | 950 | 1150 | 9.8 | 8.8 | 10.9 |
| GRANT | 6350 | 6300 | 6550 | 875 | 775 | 600 | 12.2 | 11.1 | 8.5 |
| IBERIA | 27575 | 27275 | 27175 | 3075 | 2475 | 2775 | 10.0 | 8.3 | 9.3 |
| IBERVILLE | 12125 | 12000 | 11800 | 1975 | 1500 | 1500 | 14.0 | 11.2 | 11.3 |
| JACKSON | 6225 | 6225 | 5925 | 550 | 425 | 450 | 8.2 | 6.3 | 6.9 |
| JEFFERSON DAVIS | 11125 | 11075 | 10850 | 1225 | 925 | 1275 | 9.9 | 7.6 | 10.6 |
| LASALLE | 5625 | 5500 | 5700 | 600 | 525 | 550 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 8.7 |
| LINCOLN | 18000 | 18625 | 17550 | 800 | 725 | 825 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.5 |
| MADISON | 4700 | 4775 | 4500 | 675 | 550 | 775 | 12.5 | 10.2 | 14.6 |
| MOREHOUSE | 12775 | 12625 | 12525 | 1775 | 1450 | 1425 | 12.2 | 10.3 | 10.2 |
| NATCHITOCHES | 15775 | 15600 | 14950 | 1475 | 1350 | 1375 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 8.5 |
| POINTE COUPEE | 9175 | 9100 | 8875 | 1400 | 1075 | 1075 | 13.2 | 10.6 | 10.8 |
| RED RIVER | 3550 | 3525 | 3425 | 425 | 350 | 375 | 10.5 | 9.0 | 10.1 |
| RICHLAND | 8050 | 8075 | 7800 | 1100 | 925 | 1025 | 12.0 | 10.4 | 11.6 |
| SABINE | 8750 | 8725 | 8550 | 675 | 575 | 700 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 7.7 |
| ST HELENA | 3825 | 3775 | 3650 | 400 | 250 | 425 | 9.4 | 5.9 | 10.6 |
| ST MARY | 22750 | 22400 | 21950 | 2750 | 2150 | 2600 | 10.8 | 8.7 | 10.6 |
| TANGIPAHOA | 36625 | 36325 | 35075 | 5350 | 4500 | 4550 | 12.8 | 11.0 | 11.5 |
| TENSAS | 3075 | 3200 | 2950 | 300 | 300 | 275 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 8.8 |
| UNION | 11075 | 10950 | 10575 | 825 | 700 | 800 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 7.1 |
| VERMILION | 21175 | 20800 | 20200 | 1800 | 1500 | 1925 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 8.7 |
| VERNON | 15800 | 15475 | 16150 | 1825 | 1500 | 1500 | 10.3 | 8.9 | 8.5 |
| WASHINGTON | 15550 | 15450 | 14950 | 1850 | 1575 | 1750 | 10.7 | 9.2 | 10.5 |
| WEST CARROLL | 4300 | 4375 | 4700 | 1125 | 1100 | 875 | 20.6 | 19.9 | 15.8 |
| WEST FELICIANA | 3425 | 3400 | 3400 | 350 | 325 | 325 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 8.5 |
| WINN | 6325 | 6200 | 5975 | 425 | 425 | 325 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 5.3 |

LABOR AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED.

## ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | June 1994* | May 1994** | June 1993** | Net Change From May 1994 | Net Change From June 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 50.9 | 50.6 | 49.7 | + 0.3 | + 1.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| MINING | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 43.8 | 43.5 | 42.9 | + 0.3 | + 0.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 11.0 | 11.1 | 11.0 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.0 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 14.6 | 14.4 | 14.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Health Services | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.7 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.4 | 13.3 | 12.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Federal | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.1 | 11.0 | 10.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| State | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.6 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 50,900 for the current month. This estimate was 300 more than May and 1,200 higher than June, 1993.

Goods producing employment remained unchanged from May, at a level of 7,100. Within the sector, both general nonresidential and heavy construction reported more business, while the manufacturing of fabricated metal products reported a slowdown in business.

Service producing employment climbed 300 to a level of 43,800. The services industry produced healthy gains, with upturns in health, and miscellaneous services. Transportation, communications, and public utilities experienced the same positive growth, expanding to 2,600. Temporary summer youth being hired at the local government level, other than education, was totally responsible for the increase in government payrolls. Trade was down due to losses in eating and drinking places.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | June 1994* | May 1994** | June 1993** | Net Change From May 1994 | Net Change From June 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 259.3 | 258.3 | 256.5 | + 1.0 | + 2.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 55.2 | 55.1 | 55.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 31.2 | 31.3 | 30.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 23.1 | 22.9 | 23.6 | + 0.2 | - 0.5 |
| Durable Goods | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.0 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.6 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 204.1 | 203.2 | 201.1 | + 0.9 | + 3.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 57.2 | 57.1 | 56.2 | + 0.1 | + 1.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 43.9 | 43.8 | 42.8 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| General Merchandise | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 64.6 | 64.1 | 63.6 | + 0.5 | + 1.0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 55.8 | 55.5 | 54.7 | + 0.3 | + 1.1 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 53.4 | 53.1 | 52.4 | + 0.3 | + 1.0 |
| State | 27.3 | 28.4 | 27.2 | - 1.1 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 26.1 | 24.7 | 25.2 | + 1.4 | + 0.9 |

# BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Baton Rouge MSA's nonagricultural employment, aided by temporary or seasonal advances in the services sector, expanded 1,000 to 259,300 in June, and 2,800 over the 1993 total.

Employment in the goods producing sector rose 100 to 55,200. Construction moved downward to 31,200, while manufacturing moved upward to 23,100. Both heavy and special trade construction reported a slowdown in business. The growth in manufacturing was centered in fabricated metal products, other durable goods, and petroleum refining.

Employment in the service producing sector rose 900 to 204,100. The services industry accounted for the majority of the growth, as a result of seasonal or business upturns in personal; amusement and recreation; health; social; and membership organizations. Trade followed the same trend, rising to 57,200, due to temporary or seasonal increases in general merchandise; and apparel and accessory stores. State government declined to 27,300, responding to continued seasonal non-faculty cutbacks at state colleges and universities. Local government increased to 26,100, due to the addition of area youths entering the workforce in response to the summer hiring program.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,600 production workers in all manufacturing was $659.62 for June, a decrease of $19.42 from the May average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $9.74. Average weekly hours, at 43.0, decreased by 0.5 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $15.34 decreased by $0.27 cents an hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 282,700. This figure was comprised of 259,100 employed and 23,600 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 8.3 percent in June.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,831 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,704 referrals to current openings resulted in 196 placements during June.

# HOUMA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | June 1994* | May 1994** | June 1993** | Net Change From May 1994 | Net Change From June 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.0 | 61.3 | 59.8 | - 0.3 | + 1.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.7 | 13.6 | 13.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| MINING | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 47.3 | 47.7 | 46.5 | - 0.4 | + 0.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.2 | 15.3 | 14.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.6 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.0 | 12.6 | 11.9 | - 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.6 | 12.2 | 11.5 | - 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| State | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.0 | - 0.6 | 0 |
| Local | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA dropped to 61,000. This was 300 below the May revised level of 61,300, but 1,200 above June one year ago.

Goods producing employment experienced a slight gain of 100 in the construction industry. All other segments remained steady.

Service producing employment declined over the month by 400 to a level of 47,300. Transportation, communications, and public utilities showed a minimal increase of 100 in the water transportation segment, while services grew by 200. A small loss of 100 in trade and a sizable decrease of 600 in government were responsible for the downturn in the service producing industry.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | June 1994* | May 1994** | June 1993** | Net Change From May 1994 | Net Change From June 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 137.9 | 138.4 | 135.6 | - 0.5 | + 2.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 34.6 | 34.3 | 33.6 | + 0.3 | + 1.0 |
| MINING | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.2 | 7.0 | 6.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16.1 | 16.0 | 15.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Durable Goods | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 103.3 | 104.1 | 102.0 | - 0.8 | + 1.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 8.0 | 8.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 35.2 | 35.0 | 34.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 27.1 | 26.9 | 26.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| General Merchandise | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 32.8 | 33.4 | 32.1 | - 0.6 | + 0.7 |
| GOVERNMENT | 21.5 | 22.1 | 21.5 | - 0.6 | 0 |
| Federal | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 20.2 | 20.8 | 20.2 | - 0.6 | 0 |
| State | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.7 | - 0.7 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 14.6 | 14.5 | 14.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA for June, 1994 was estimated at 137,900. This was a decrease of 500 jobs from the May revised estimate of 138,400.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,600, a gain of 300 from last month's estimate of 34,300. Construction rose by 200 due to more employment activity in the heavy construction and special trade contractors sectors. Manufacturing had a minimal increase of 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 103,300, a decrease of 800 from last month's revised estimate of 104,100. Trade increased by 200 due to employment growth in eating and drinking places and the miscellaneous retail sectors. The transportation, communications, and public utilities; and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors each had an increase of 100. Services and government were both down by 600 due to seasonal layoffs at the educational institutions in the MSA.

# LAKE CHARLES AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | June 1994* | May 1994** | June 1993** | Net Change From May 1994 | Net Change From June 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 73.9 | 73.5 | 72.6 | + 0.4 | + 1.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 19.3 | 19.4 | 19.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| MINING | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 0 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 11.1 | 11.1 | 10.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 54.6 | 54.1 | 53.3 | + 0.5 | + 1.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.2 | 16.3 | 16.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.9 | 13.0 | 13.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 18.2 | 18.3 | 16.8 | - 0.1 | + 1.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.3 | 12.5 | 13.0 | + 0.8 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 12.7 | 11.9 | 12.4 | + 0.8 | + 0.3 |
| State | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 9.0 | 8.2 | 8.7 | + 0.8 | + 0.3 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA rose by 400 to a level of 73,900, surpassing May's revised figure of 73,500. June's estimate is 1,300 higher than the year-ago figure of 72,600.

Goods producing employment noted little change. Mining had a small decrease of 100, while the remaining sectors showed no movement.

Service producing employment was driven upward by 500 to a level of 54,600, compared to May's level of 54,100. Small losses of 100 each were seen in transportation, communications, and public utilities; trade; and services. The hiring of summer youth in the local government segment caused total government to surge upward by 800 employees.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | June 1994* | May 1994** | June 1993** | Net Change From May 1994 | Net Change From June 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 62.3 | 63.0 | 61.5 | - 0.7 | + 0.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.3 | 11.5 | 11.4 | - 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.0 | 8.2 | 8.1 | - 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 51.0 | 51.5 | 50.1 | - 0.5 | + 0.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.3 | 15.3 | 14.9 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.0 | 12.1 | 11.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Banking | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 11.8 | 12.3 | 11.5 | - 0.5 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.3 | 11.8 | 11.0 | - 0.5 | + 0.3 |
| State | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.4 | - 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 62,300 during June. This was a decrease of 700 from the May revised estimate, but 800 above June, 1993.

Goods producing, estimated at 11,300, was 200 lower than the May estimate of 11,500. Construction remained stable. Manufacturing, estimated at 8,000, was 200 below last month's estimate of 8,200 and 100 below June of last year.

Service producing, estimated at 51,000, was down 500 over-the-month, but was 900 higher than the same period a year ago. Trade; services; and finance, insurance, and real estate remained the same. Government was down 500 with the loss occurring in state government.

# NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | June 1994* | May 1994** | June 1993** | Net Change From May 1994 | Net Change From June 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 572.4 | 573.2 | 570.0 | - 0.8 | + 2.4 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 87.4 | 87.1 | 87.4 | + 0.3 | 0 |
| MINING | 13.8 | 13.9 | 14.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 13.3 | 13.5 | 13.9 | - 0.2 | - 0.6 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 25.1 | 24.9 | 25.5 | + 0.2 | - 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 48.5 | 48.3 | 47.5 | + 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| Durable Goods | 23.0 | 22.9 | 22.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Other Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 25.5 | 25.4 | 25.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 485.0 | 486.1 | 482.6 | - 1.1 | + 2.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 42.8 | 42.7 | 42.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 11.5 | 11.6 | 12.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 13.0 | 12.9 | 12.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 140.7 | 139.8 | 140.7 | + 0.9 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33.5 | 33.3 | 33.0 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.6 | 17.5 | 17.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.9 | 15.8 | 15.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 107.2 | 106.5 | 107.7 | + 0.7 | - 0.5 |
| General Merchandise | 12.4 | 12.2 | 12.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Food Stores | 20.7 | 20.4 | 21.3 | + 0.3 | - 0.6 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 38.3 | 38.2 | 39.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.7 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 30.2 | 30.0 | 29.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Banking | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| SERVICES | 168.7 | 170.4 | 168.5 | - 1.7 | + 0.2 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.3 | 13.5 | 13.3 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Health Services | 49.1 | 48.8 | 47.9 | + 0.3 | + 1.2 |
| Educational Services | 15.1 | 17.8 | 15.4 | - 2.7 | - 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 102.6 | 103.2 | 101.0 | - 0.6 | + 1.6 |
| Federal | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.6 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| State and Local | 85.4 | 86.0 | 83.4 | - 0.6 | + 2.0 |
| State | 23.8 | 24.7 | 22.9 | - 0.9 | + 0.9 |
| Local | 61.6 | 61.3 | 60.5 | + 0.3 | + 1.1 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in June was estimated at 572,400, a level 800 below the May revised estimate, but 2,400 above June of last year.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 87,400, was 300 above May and was at the same level as June, 1993. Mining had a minimal decrease of 100 over the month. Construction was up by 200 from May with the increase centered in the special trade contractors segment. Manufacturing payrolls were higher for both the durable and nondurable goods sectors.

Service producing employment was estimated at 485,000 for June. This estimate was 1,100 lower than May, but 2,400 above June one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was up 100 over May. Trade exhibited a gain of 900 over the month, with most of the increase in the retail sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment had small increases in the finance and real estate segments. A seasonal decrease in the educational services sector was mainly responsible for the downturn of total services employment. Government was down mainly due to a seasonal decrease in state education payrolls.

An estimated 34,700 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $600.76 per week, up $21.30 from last month's revised figure. Average weekly hours were 44.9, up from 43.7 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.38, up from $13.26 in May, and $0.21 higher than June of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 48,900 in June. The unemployment rate registered 8.1 percent.

# SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | June 1994* | May 1994** | June 1993** | Net Change From May 1994 | Net Change From June 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 159.5 | 158.1 | 154.8 | + 1.4 | + 4.7 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 32.1 | 32.1 | 30.9 | 0 | + 1.2 |
| MINING | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20.7 | 20.6 | 18.9 | + 0.1 | + 1.8 |
| Durable Goods | 14.5 | 14.4 | 12.8 | + 0.1 | + 1.7 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.6 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 0 | + 1.6 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 127.4 | 126.0 | 123.9 | + 1.4 | + 3.5 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 37.0 | 36.8 | 36.4 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 28.0 | 28.0 | 27.5 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 44.4 | 43.0 | 41.5 | + 1.4 | + 2.9 |
| GOVERNMENT | 31.1 | 31.3 | 30.9 | - 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 26.0 | 26.2 | 25.8 | - 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| State | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 17.5 | 17.7 | 17.4 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |

# SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 159,500 for June. This estimate was 1,400 higher than the May revised figure and 4,700 above the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 32,100, held steady for the month. Construction was down by 100, while manufacturing was up by 100 over the month.

Service producing employment, estimated at 127,400, was up by 1,400 from the prior month. Trade rose 200 due to job growth in the food stores and miscellaneous retail sectors. Services was up by 1,400 jobs primarily due to the second of three riverboat gambling casinos coming on line. Government dropped 200 due to seasonal layoffs in local government.

An estimated 15,700 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $590.02 in June, compared to $604.28 in May. Average weekly hours decreased to 43.9 in June, compared to 44.4 in May. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.44 in June, compared to $13.61 in May.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA, estimated at 180,900 included 166,300 employed and 14,600 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent.

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States. Prices are gathered from 85 areas across the country. The years 1982-84 are used as the base period. While the CPI may provide a broad outline of price fluctuations, it cannot reflect individual buying trends or regional experiences.

## ANNUAL AVERAGES

| | ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | | URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL WORKERS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| YEAR | INDEX* | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
| 1987 | 113.6 | + 3.6 | 112.5 | + 3.6 |
| 1988 | 118.3 | + 4.1 | 117.0 | + 4.0 |
| 1989 | 124.0 | + 4.8 | 122.6 | + 4.8 |
| 1990 | 130.7 | + 5.4 | 129.0 | + 5.2 |
| 1991 | 136.2 | + 4.2 | 134.3 | + 4.1 |
| 1992 | 140.3 | + 3.0 | 138.2 | + 2.9 |
| 1993 | 144.5 | + 3.0 | 142.1 | + 2.8 |

## MONTHLY 1993 - 1994

| | | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR | | | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1993 | INDEX | [MONTH | YEAR] | INDEX | [MONTH | YEAR] |
| Jan. | 142.6 | + 0.5 | + 3.3 | 140.3 | + 0.4 | + 3.2 |
| Feb. | 143.1 | + 0.4 | + 3.2 | 140.7 | + 0.3 | + 3.2 |
| Mar. | 143.6 | + 0.3 | + 3.1 | 141.1 | + 0.3 | + 3.0 |
| Apr. | 144.0 | + 0.3 | + 3.2 | 141.6 | + 0.4 | + 3.1 |
| May | 144.2 | + 0.1 | + 3.2 | 141.9 | + 0.2 | + 3.1 |
| June | 144.4 | + 0.1 | + 3.0 | 142.0 | + 0.1 | + 2.8 |
| July | 144.4 | 0 | + 2.8 | 142.1 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 |
| Aug. | 144.8 | + 0.3 | + 2.8 | 142.4 | + 0.2 | + 2.6 |
| Sept. | 145.1 | + 0.2 | + 2.7 | 142.6 | + 0.1 | + 2.5 |
| Oct. | 145.7 | + 0.4 | + 2.8 | 143.3 | + 0.5 | + 2.7 |
| Nov. | 145.8 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 | 143.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.6 |
| Dec. | 145.8 | 0 | + 2.7 | 143.3 | - 0.1 | + 2.5 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 146.2 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 143.6 | + 0.2 | + 2.4 |
| Feb. | 146.7 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 144.0 | + 0.3 | + 2.3 |
| Mar. | 147.2 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 144.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.3 |
| Apr. | 147.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.4 | 144.7 | + 0.2 | + 2.2 |
| May | 147.5 | + 0.1 | + 2.3 | 144.9 | + 0.1 | + 2.1 |
| June | 148.0 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 145.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.4 |

**TO COMPUTE PERCENT CHANGE:**

$$\frac{\text{CURRENT PERIOD - PRIOR PERIOD}}{\text{PRIOR PERIOD}} \times 100 = \%\ \text{change}$$

*Based to 1982-1984 = 100.0

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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in July was estimated at 1,681,300. June's revised estimate was 1,681,300 while the year-ago figure was 1,640,900.

Goods producing employment estimated at 336,400 was 1,900 below the June level, but was 8,500 above last year's figure. Mining edged up 100 in the oil and gas extraction sector. Construction showed a decline in all sectors, especially in heavy construction, due to business slowdowns and job completions. Durable and nondurable goods contributed equally to the drop in manufacturing employment.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,344,900 in July. This was 900 less than June, but 31,900 over the July, 1993 figure. Transportation continued its upward trend resulting in an increase in the transportation, communications, and public utilities industry. Trade employment rose slightly in the general merchandise, food stores, auto dealers and service stations, and miscellaneous retail trade segments. Finance, insurance, and real estate continued to rise with the gain centered in the real estate sector. Services exhibited a substantial growth in the social services sector. Government employment was lower due to a seasonal decrease in local education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 134,900 production workers was $562.39 in July. This was a decrease of $8.33 from June, but an increase of $34.07 from last year. Average hourly earnings in July were $13.14, compared to $13.06 and $12.70 for June, 1994 and July, 1993 respectively. Average weekly hours of 42.8 for July displayed a decrease of 0.9 hours from June, but an increase of 1.2 hours from July of last year.

The July preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.7 percent, an increase from the June revised rate of 7.6 percent. The national unemployment rate for July was 6.1 percent, an increase from the June rate of 6.0 percent. Total unemployment for July increased to 150,500. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,948,700 with an increase in total employment to 1,798,200.

# LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | July 1994* | June 1994** | July 1993** | June 1994 | July 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 1,681.3 | 1,684.1 | 1,640.9 | - 2.8 | +40.4 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 336.4 | 338.3 | 327.9 | - 1.9 | + 8.5 |
| MINING | 46.4 | 46.3 | 45.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 44.5 | 44.4 | 44.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 104.4 | 105.6 | 96.6 | - 1.2 | + 7.8 |
| General Contractors | 18.5 | 18.6 | 16.2 | - 0.1 | + 2.3 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 40.1 | 41.1 | 38.7 | - 1.0 | + 1.4 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 45.8 | 45.9 | 41.7 | - 0.1 | + 4.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 185.6 | 186.4 | 185.5 | - 0.8 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 79.2 | 79.6 | 78.5 | - 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 13.4 | 13.3 | 13.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 12.8 | 13.0 | 13.8 | - 0.2 | - 1.0 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.8 | 12.9 | 12.8 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.5 | 21.7 | 20.3 | - 0.2 | + 1.2 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.4 | 106.8 | 107.0 | - 0.4 | - 0.6 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 21.9 | 22.3 | 21.6 | - 0.4 | + 0.3 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 10.4 | 10.5 | 11.5 | - 0.1 | - 1.1 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.6 | 30.6 | 30.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.5 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 1,344.9 | 1,345.8 | 1,313.0 | - 0.9 | +31.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 108.2 | 107.6 | 105.8 | + 0.6 | + 2.4 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 65.5 | 64.9 | 62.9 | + 0.6 | + 2.6 |
| Water Transportation | 23.3 | 22.7 | 22.9 | + 0.6 | + 0.4 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.9 | 37.9 | 38.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 16.0 | 15.9 | 15.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 21.9 | 22.0 | 22.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |

# LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | July 1994* | June 1994** | July 1993** | Net Change From June 1994 | Net Change From July 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 391.7 | 391.2 | 382.8 | + 0.5 | + 8.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 87.4 | 87.5 | 85.1 | - 0.1 | + 2.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.7 | 47.7 | 46.7 | 0 | + 1.0 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 39.7 | 39.8 | 38.4 | - 0.1 | + 1.3 |
| Retail Trade | 304.3 | 303.7 | 297.7 | + 0.6 | + 6.6 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| General Merchandise | 41.4 | 41.3 | 39.9 | + 0.1 | + 1.5 |
| Food Stores | 59.7 | 59.6 | 58.7 | + 0.1 | + 1.0 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 34.5 | 34.4 | 33.3 | + 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 99.8 | 99.8 | 97.9 | 0 | + 1.9 |
| Other Retail Trade | 31.0 | 30.7 | 30.7 | + 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 79.4 | 79.2 | 78.3 | + 0.2 | + 1.1 |
| Banking | 28.3 | 28.3 | 27.9 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Insurance | 26.9 | 26.9 | 26.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 425.8 | 425.1 | 406.9 | + 0.7 | +18.9 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 22.3 | 22.3 | 21.4 | 0 | + 0.9 |
| Personal Services | 14.1 | 14.4 | 13.8 | - 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| Business Services | 69.7 | 69.9 | 65.0 | - 0.2 | + 4.7 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.0 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 20.7 | 21.1 | 15.2 | - 0.4 | + 5.5 |
| Health Services | 145.6 | 145.4 | 140.5 | + 0.2 | + 5.1 |
| Hospitals | 61.6 | 61.4 | 59.7 | + 0.2 | + 1.9 |
| Legal Services | 16.6 | 16.6 | 16.8 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Educational Services | 21.3 | 22.0 | 21.1 | - 0.7 | + 0.2 |
| Social Services | 28.7 | 26.4 | 27.8 | + 2.3 | + 0.9 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.7 | 26.9 | 26.9 | - 0.2 | - 0.2 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 29.0 | 29.0 | 27.8 | 0 | + 1.2 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| GOVERNMENT | 339.8 | 342.7 | 339.2 | - 2.9 | + 0.6 |
| Federal | 36.7 | 37.0 | 37.1 | - 0.3 | - 0.4 |
| State and Local | 303.1 | 305.7 | 302.1 | - 2.6 | + 1.0 |
| State | 102.9 | 101.9 | 102.6 | + 1.0 | + 0.3 |
| Local | 200.2 | 203.8 | 199.5 | - 3.6 | + 0.7 |

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | July '94* | June '94** | July '93** | July '94* | June '94** | July '93** | July '94* | June '94** | July '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $562.39 | $570.72 | $528.32 | 42.8 | 43.7 | 41.6 | $13.14 | $13.06 | $12.70 |
| Durable Goods | 506.04 | 529.98 | 479.52 | 43.4 | 44.8 | 42.7 | 11.66 | 11.83 | 11.23 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 434.48 | 416.60 | 423.65 | 44.7 | 44.7 | 45.8 | 9.72 | 9.32 | 9.25 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 433.79 | 453.87 | 472.06 | 39.4 | 41.0 | 41.3 | 11.01 | 11.07 | 11.43 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 471.05 | 452.40 | 435.94 | 43.9 | 42.8 | 41.4 | 10.73 | 10.57 | 10.53 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 499.82 | 522.26 | 487.89 | 43.2 | 45.1 | 43.1 | 11.57 | 11.58 | 11.32 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 746.95 | 973.88 | 719.13 | 39.5 | 50.2 | 44.2 | 18.91 | 19.40 | 16.27 |
| Transportation Equipment | 566.01 | 591.92 | 500.96 | 45.1 | 46.1 | 40.4 | 12.55 | 12.84 | 12.40 |
| Nondurable Goods | 607.43 | 605.32 | 567.36 | 42.3 | 42.9 | 40.7 | 14.36 | 14.11 | 13.94 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 350.55 | 331.20 | 307.65 | 41.0 | 40.0 | 36.8 | 8.55 | 8.28 | 8.36 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 239.07 | 256.68 | 183.27 | 34.3 | 37.2 | 29.8 | 6.97 | 6.90 | 6.15 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 689.41 | 663.31 | 635.62 | 43.8 | 43.1 | 41.9 | 15.74 | 15.39 | 15.17 |
| Printing & Publishing | 461.72 | 476.35 | 445.39 | 38.8 | 40.3 | 38.1 | 11.90 | 11.82 | 11.69 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 906.66 | 912.13 | 848.65 | 46.0 | 46.8 | 45.7 | 19.71 | 19.49 | 18.57 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 931.84 | 942.21 | 928.27 | 45.5 | 46.3 | 46.6 | 20.48 | 20.35 | 19.92 |
| Petroleum Refining | 958.51 | 956.30 | 955.82 | 45.6 | 45.8 | 46.9 | 21.02 | 20.88 | 20.38 |
| **MINING** | 664.09 | 646.60 | 632.90 | 51.4 | 49.7 | 49.1 | 12.92 | 13.01 | 12.89 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 633.39 | 621.81 | 592.86 | 43.0 | 42.3 | 41.0 | 14.73 | 14.70 | 14.46 |
| **BANKING** | 336.70 | 335.59 | 321.84 | 36.4 | 37.0 | 36.0 | 9.25 | 9.07 | 8.94 |

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **134,900** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **83,300** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | July '94* | June '94** | July '93** | July '94* | June '94** | July '93** | July '94* | June '94** | July '93** |
| ALL MANUFACTURING (1) | $675.17 | $656.12 | $632.96 | 43.7 | 42.8 | 43.0 | $15.45 | $15.33 | $14.72 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 935.59 | 912.60 | 869.54 | 47.3 | 46.8 | 46.8 | 19.78 | 19.50 | 18.58 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALL MANUFACTURING (1) | $587.29 | $594.95 | $544.90 | 43.6 | 44.4 | 41.5 | $13.47 | $13.40 | $13.13 |
| Durable Goods | 496.29 | 510.30 | 431.34 | 42.6 | 45.4 | 39.5 | 11.65 | 11.24 | 10.92 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 424.02 | 477.86 | 465.78 | 38.2 | 43.6 | 42.0 | 11.10 | 10.96 | 11.09 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 447.37 | 462.16 | 444.05 | 41.5 | 43.6 | 41.5 | 10.78 | 10.60 | 10.70 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 456.03 | 483.82 | 366.10 | 42.9 | 45.6 | 36.5 | 10.63 | 10.61 | 10.03 |
| Nondurable Goods | 667.06 | 667.29 | 633.39 | 44.5 | 43.5 | 43.0 | 14.99 | 15.34 | 14.73 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 459.45 | 387.77 | 399.40 | 45.0 | 38.7 | 40.1 | 10.21 | 10.02 | 9.96 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 171.18 | 182.04 | 170.01 | 31.7 | 33.9 | 31.6 | 5.40 | 5.37 | 5.38 |
| Printing & Publishing | 502.36 | 492.42 | 443.91 | 44.3 | 43.5 | 40.1 | 11.34 | 11.32 | 11.07 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 905.01 | 954.86 | 927.77 | 45.8 | 47.6 | 48.6 | 19.76 | 20.06 | 19.09 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **34,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALL MANUFACTURING (1) | $582.34 | $593.78 | $534.20 | 43.2 | 43.5 | 40.5 | $13.48 | $13.65 | $13.19 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 374.46 | 378.85 | 370.23 | 47.4 | 48.2 | 43.0 | 7.90 | 7.86 | 8.61 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 335.72 | 318.38 | 282.38 | 30.3 | 29.7 | 27.1 | 11.08 | 10.72 | 10.42 |
| Printing and Publishing | 413.41 | 406.83 | 378.49 | 41.3 | 40.4 | 37.4 | 10.01 | 10.07 | 10.12 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 660.00 | 663.64 | 614.55 | 44.0 | 45.8 | 42.5 | 15.00 | 14.49 | 14.46 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,200** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

# LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| | PRELIMINARY JUL., 1994 | | | | REVISED JUN., 1994 | | | | REVISED JUL., 1993 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (in thousands) | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE |
| LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.) | 1948.7 | 1798.2 | 150.5 | 7.7 | 1918.2 | 1771.8 | 146.4 | 7.6 | 1867.3 | 1734.7 | 132.6 | 7.1 |
| LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED) | 2002.1 | 1840.3 | 161.8 | 8.1 | 1976.6 | 1805.5 | 171.1 | 8.7 | 1921.8 | 1777.0 | 144.8 | 7.5 |

DATA BELOW NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED - CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED. LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

| METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS & THEIR PARISH COMPONENTS | EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | PREL JUL '94 | REV JUN '94 | REV JUL '93 | PREL JUL '94 | REV JUN '94 | REV JUL '93 | PREL JUL '94 | REV JUN '94 | REV JUL '93 |
| ALEXANDRIA (RAPIDES) | 54.4 | 53.8 | 52.5 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 7.4 |
| BATON ROUGE | 265.2 | 258.9 | 258.2 | 22.5 | 23.6 | 19.4 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 7.0 |
| ASCENSION | 27.1 | 26.5 | 26.4 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 9.5 | 10.7 | 8.5 |
| EAST BATON ROUGE | 195.9 | 191.2 | 190.7 | 14.6 | 14.9 | 12.5 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 6.1 |
| LIVINGSTON | 33.2 | 32.4 | 32.3 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 11.0 | 12.1 | 10.0 |
| WEST BATON ROUGE | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 9.3 |
| HOUMA | 75.4 | 74.6 | 72.7 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 6.6 |
| LAFOURCHE | 35.6 | 35.2 | 34.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 7.2 | 8.0 | 7.2 |
| TERREBONNE | 39.8 | 39.4 | 38.4 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 6.2 |
| LAFAYETTE | 150.7 | 147.8 | 146.3 | 12.1 | 12.7 | 11.2 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 7.1 |
| ACADIA | 20.9 | 20.5 | 20.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 9.6 |
| LAFAYETTE | 83.4 | 81.8 | 81.0 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 5.3 |
| ST LANDRY | 28.0 | 27.5 | 27.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 11.3 | 11.5 | 10.4 |
| ST MARTIN | 18.4 | 18.0 | 17.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 7.2 |
| LAKE CHARLES (CALCASIEU) | 77.3 | 75.3 | 74.2 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 7.7 |
| MONROE (OUACHITA) | 63.4 | 62.0 | 61.5 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 7.3 | 8.4 | 6.9 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 569.8 | 557.0 | 556.2 | 46.3 | 49.3 | 43.0 | 7.5 | 8.1 | 7.2 |
| JEFFERSON | 222.8 | 217.8 | 217.5 | 15.3 | 16.3 | 14.3 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 6.2 |
| ORLEANS | 192.8 | 188.4 | 188.2 | 17.3 | 18.4 | 16.0 | 8.2 | 8.9 | 7.8 |
| PLAQUEMINES | 9.8 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 8.2 | 9.3 | 6.9 |
| ST BERNARD | 29.5 | 28.8 | 28.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 7.6 |
| ST CHARLES | 19.6 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
| ST JAMES | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 14.8 | 15.8 | 12.9 |
| ST JOHN | 17.2 | 16.9 | 16.8 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 10.3 | 11.0 | 10.0 |
| ST TAMMANY | 70.2 | 68.6 | 68.5 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 6.4 |
| SHREV'T-BOSSIER CITY | 170.1 | 166.6 | 161.2 | 14.1 | 14.7 | 12.4 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 7.2 |
| BOSSIER | 40.4 | 39.6 | 38.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 6.5 |
| CADDO | 112.6 | 110.3 | 106.7 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 6.8 |
| WEBSTER | 17.1 | 16.7 | 16.2 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 12.3 | 13.4 | 10.6 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| PARISH | EMPLOYED |  |  | UNEMPLOYED |  |  | UNEMPLOYMENT RAT |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | PREL JUL '94 | REV JUN '94 | REV JUL '93 | PREL JUL '94 | REV JUN '94 | REV JUL '93 | PREL JUL '94 | REV JUN '94 | REV JUL '93 |
| ALLEN | 8025 | 7950 | 7800 | 950 | 1000 | 900 | 10.5 | 11.2 | 10.4 |
| ASSUMPTION | 8725 | 8550 | 8050 | 875 | 1100 | 1050 | 9.1 | 11.4 | 11.4 |
| AVOYELLES | 15300 | 14450 | 12975 | 1925 | 1800 | 1650 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 11.3 |
| BEAUREGARD | 12025 | 11925 | 11625 | 1225 | 1350 | 1100 | 9.2 | 10.1 | 8.7 |
| BIENVILLE | 6000 | 5825 | 5750 | 575 | 625 | 450 | 8.6 | 9.6 | 7.4 |
| CALDWELL | 4125 | 4025 | 4050 | 525 | 550 | 400 | 11.3 | 12.0 | 8.8 |
| CAMERON | 3675 | 3625 | 3475 | 175 | 275 | 200 | 4.8 | 7.1 | 5.5 |
| CATAHOULA | 5200 | 5175 | 4800 | 625 | 625 | 475 | 10.6 | 10.9 | 8.9 |
| CLAIBORNE | 5275 | 5200 | 5250 | 650 | 600 | 400 | 11.1 | 10.4 | 7.2 |
| CONCORDIA | 7750 | 7625 | 7525 | 1125 | 1175 | 1100 | 12.6 | 13.3 | 12.8 |
| DESOTO | 9550 | 9475 | 9100 | 1000 | 1025 | 950 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 9.3 |
| EAST CARROLL | 3150 | 3200 | 3000 | 600 | 650 | 525 | 16.3 | 17.1 | 14.8 |
| EAST FELICIANA | 7750 | 7575 | 7425 | 725 | 700 | 650 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 8.2 |
| EVANGELINE | 11750 | 11625 | 11150 | 1025 | 1050 | 925 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 7.7 |
| FRANKLIN | 9925 | 9800 | 9400 | 1200 | 1050 | 1050 | 10.7 | 9.7 | 9.9 |
| GRANT | 6325 | 6325 | 6600 | 825 | 875 | 575 | 11.6 | 12.2 | 7.9 |
| IBERIA | 27725 | 27525 | 26850 | 2775 | 3050 | 2425 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 8.3 |
| IBERVILLE | 12225 | 12100 | 11675 | 1750 | 1975 | 1450 | 12.6 | 14.1 | 11.0 |
| JACKSON | 6250 | 6250 | 5975 | 625 | 550 | 375 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 6.0 |
| JEFFERSON DAVIS | 11150 | 11100 | 11000 | 1100 | 1225 | 1025 | 9.0 | 9.9 | 8.5 |
| LASALLE | 5600 | 5600 | 5525 | 525 | 600 | 475 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 8.1 |
| LINCOLN | 18325 | 17975 | 17625 | 800 | 800 | 650 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.6 |
| MADISON | 4700 | 4700 | 4450 | 775 | 675 | 650 | 14.4 | 12.5 | 12.9 |
| MOREHOUSE | 12725 | 12750 | 12450 | 1550 | 1825 | 1275 | 10.9 | 12.5 | 9.2 |
| NATCHITOCHES | 15875 | 15750 | 14775 | 1400 | 1475 | 1300 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 8.1 |
| POINTE COUPEE | 9150 | 9150 | 8800 | 1350 | 1400 | 1075 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 10.9 |
| RED RIVER | 3600 | 3550 | 3450 | 375 | 425 | 375 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 9.5 |
| RICHLAND | 7900 | 8050 | 7550 | 1100 | 1100 | 850 | 12.1 | 12.2 | 10.2 |
| SABINE | 8950 | 8725 | 8625 | 600 | 700 | 625 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 6.8 |
| ST HELENA | 3800 | 3800 | 3525 | 400 | 400 | 350 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 9.0 |
| ST MARY | 23300 | 22800 | 21475 | 2575 | 2750 | 2325 | 10.0 | 10.7 | 9.8 |
| TANGIPAHOA | 36475 | 36575 | 33825 | 4900 | 5350 | 4175 | 11.9 | 12.8 | 11.0 |
| TENSAS | 3050 | 3100 | 2875 | 325 | 300 | 225 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 7.5 |
| UNION | 11300 | 11100 | 10625 | 700 | 800 | 700 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 6.2 |
| VERMILION | 21275 | 21225 | 20075 | 1700 | 1775 | 1575 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 7.2 |
| VERNON | 16175 | 15775 | 16075 | 1550 | 1825 | 1400 | 8.7 | 10.4 | 8.0 |
| WASHINGTON | 15700 | 15525 | 14900 | 1750 | 1875 | 1600 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 9.7 |
| WEST CARROLL | 4325 | 4300 | 4550 | 1025 | 1100 | 775 | 19.2 | 20.5 | 14.5 |
| WEST FELICIANA | 3475 | 3425 | 3425 | 350 | 350 | 325 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 8.3 |
| WINN | 6400 | 6300 | 6125 | 575 | 425 | 300 | 8.3 | 6.2 | 4.7 |

LABOR AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED.

## ALEXANDRIA AREA
### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | July 1994* | June 1994** | July 1993** | Net Change From June 1994 | Net Change From July 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 50.5 | 50.8 | 49.5 | - 0.3 | + 1.0 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 7.2 | 7.1 | 6.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MINING | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 43.3 | 43.7 | 42.6 | - 0.4 | + 0.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 14.5 | 14.5 | 14.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Health Services | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.0 | 13.4 | 12.5 | - 0.4 | + 0.5 |
| Federal | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 10.7 | 11.1 | 10.1 | - 0.4 | + 0.6 |
| State | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.2 | - 0.4 | + 0.6 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 50,500 for the current month. This was 300 less than last month, but 1,000 more than July, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 7,200 for July. This was 100 more than last month as a result of an increase in the heavy construction industry. Compared to July of last year, there was an increase of 300, mainly in the construction industry.

Service producing employment was estimated at 43,300 for July. This estimate decreased 400 from June, but increased 700 from July, 1993. Seasonal reductions of non-instructional personnel in local education was totally responsible for the downturn in government.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | July 1994* | June 1994** | July 1993** | June 1994 | July 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 260.9 | 259.4 | 257.1 | + 1.5 | + 3.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 55.6 | 55.2 | 55.2 | + 0.4 | + 0.4 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 31.6 | 31.3 | 30.9 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 23.1 | 23.0 | 23.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.1 | 17.0 | 17.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.5 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 205.3 | 204.2 | 201.9 | + 1.1 | + 3.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 57.5 | 57.2 | 56.1 | + 0.3 | + 1.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.4 | 13.3 | 13.4 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.1 | 9.0 | 9.1 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 44.1 | 43.9 | 42.7 | + 0.2 | + 1.4 |
| General Merchandise | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 65.0 | 64.6 | 63.7 | + 0.4 | + 1.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 56.2 | 55.8 | 55.6 | + 0.4 | + 0.6 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 53.8 | 53.4 | 53.2 | + 0.4 | + 0.6 |
| State | 27.9 | 27.3 | 27.9 | + 0.6 | 0 |
| Local | 25.9 | 26.1 | 25.3 | - 0.2 | + 0.6 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Baton Rouge MSA nonagricultural employment level rose to 260,900 in July, with increases occurring monthly and over the year.

Positive movement in the goods producing sector resulted in an increase of 400 currently as well as over the year. A total of 55,600 employees included a 300 increase in construction, and a 100 increase in manufacturing. These increases were due to more business activity in the heavy construction and nondurable goods manufacturing segments.

The service producing sector continued to rise in July to a level of 205,300. The majority of the segments were on the upswing, excluding local government due to seasonal staff declines in education. Business demands in retail general merchandise stores, the opening of a new restaurant, and a small increase in wholesale trade, were responsible for the growth of 300 in trade. Services continued to move upward to a level of 65,000 primarily due to increases in both business and health services. Government payrolls surged to a level of 53,800 as a result of the start-up of summer sessions at state colleges and universities.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,700 production workers in all manufacturing was $675.17 for July, an increase of $19.05 from the June average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $42.21. Average weekly hours, at 43.7, increased by 0.9 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $15.45 increased by $0.12 an hour. The increase of higher-paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 287,700. This figure was comprised of 265,200 employed and 22,500 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.8 percent in July.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,784 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,452 referrals to current openings resulted in 121 placements during July.

## HOUMA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | July 1994* | June 1994** | July 1993** | Net Change From June 1994 | Net Change From July 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.2 | 61.6 | 59.7 | - 0.4 | + 1.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.9 | 13.8 | 13.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| MINING | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.2 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Durable Goods | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.7 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 47.3 | 47.8 | 46.0 | - 0.5 | + 1.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.2 | 15.2 | 14.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.3 | 12.3 | 11.9 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 12.1 | 12.0 | 11.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 11.9 | 12.5 | 11.4 | - 0.6 | + 0.5 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.5 | 12.1 | 11.0 | - 0.6 | + 0.5 |
| State | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.8 | - 0.4 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.2 | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA decreased from June to July by 400, to a level of 61,200. However, there was an increase of 1,500 from the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment experienced a minimal gain of 100 over the month. Mining and manufacturing each went up by 100, while construction went down by 100 from the June estimate.

Service producing employment spiraled downward by 500. The services sector showed a small rise of 100, but couldn't overcome the drop of 600 in the state and local government segments.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | July<br>1994* | June<br>1994** | July<br>1993** | Net Change From<br>June<br>1994 | <br>July<br>1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 138.4 | 137.9 | 136.3 | + 0.5 | + 2.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 34.2 | 34.5 | 33.5 | - 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| MINING | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.1 | 7.2 | 6.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 15.9 | 16.1 | 15.5 | - 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Durable Goods | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 10.5 | 10.7 | 10.5 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 104.2 | 103.4 | 102.8 | + 0.8 | + 1.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 35.3 | 35.2 | 34.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.0 | 8.1 | 7.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 27.3 | 27.1 | 26.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| General Merchandise | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Banking | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 32.9 | 32.8 | 32.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 22.2 | 21.6 | 22.0 | + 0.6 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 20.9 | 20.3 | 20.7 | + 0.6 | + 0.2 |
| State | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.8 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 15.1 | 14.6 | 14.9 | + 0.5 | + 0.2 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 138,400 in July. This figure was 500 greater than the June revised estimate and 2,100 higher than the year-ago figure of 136,300.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,200, a loss of 300 from last month's estimate of 34,500. Construction had a minimal loss of 100 due to a decline in the heavy construction sector. Manufacturing was off 200 due to a seasonal drop in the food and kindred products sector.

Service producing employment was estimated at 104,200, a gain of 800 from last month's estimate of 103,400. Transportation, communications, and public utilities, as well as trade and services, had a minimal gain of 100 for each sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate was off 100 with the loss primarily showing up in the insurance industry. Government was up by 600 due to gains at both the state and local government levels.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | July 1994* | June 1994** | July 1993** | Net Change From June 1994 | Net Change From July 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 74.4 | 73.9 | 72.5 | + 0.5 | + 1.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 19.8 | 19.4 | 19.3 | + 0.4 | + 0.5 |
| MINING | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.2 | 6.9 | 6.9 | + 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 11.2 | 11.1 | 10.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 54.6 | 54.5 | 53.2 | + 0.1 | + 1.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.3 | 16.2 | 16.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 13.0 | 12.9 | 13.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 18.2 | 18.3 | 16.6 | - 0.1 | + 1.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.3 | 13.1 | 12.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 12.7 | 12.5 | 12.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| State | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 9.1 | 9.0 | 8.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA grew from 73,900 in June, to 74,400 in July. This was an increase of 500 over the month. There was a substantial increase from July of last year totaling 1,900.

Goods producing employment rose by 400 in July to a level of 19,800. Most of the gain was due to more business in all sectors of the construction industry. Durable goods manufacturing had a small gain of 100.

Service producing employment noted a minimal change with an increase of 100. Transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services had a decrease of 100 each from June. Trade and government exhibited increases of 100 and 200 respectively from last month. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment remained unchanged over the month.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | July 1994* | June 1994** | July 1993** | Net Change From June 1994 | Net Change From July 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 62.7 | 62.4 | 61.6 | + 0.3 | + 1.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.0 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 51.2 | 51.0 | 50.2 | + 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.3 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Banking | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 16.1 | 16.2 | 15.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.5 | 11.3 | 11.4 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| State | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.1 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Monroe MSA was estimated at 62,700 for July, 1994. This was 300 above the June revised estimate and 1,100 above the July, 1993 figure.

Goods producing employment rose 100, to an estimated level of 11,500. Mining remained stable. Construction, estimated at 3,200, was up 200 over the month. Manufacturing, estimated at 8,000, was 100 below the June estimate.

Service producing employment, estimated at 51,200, was up 200 over the month and 1,000 higher than the July, 1993 estimate of 50,200. Wholesale and retail trade remained unchanged over the month. Government increased by 200, with the gain centered in the local government sector.

# NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | July 1994* | June 1994** | July 1993** | Net Change From June 1994 | Net Change From July 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 574.9 | 572.5 | 569.6 | + 2.4 | + 5.3 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 87.4 | 87.6 | 86.6 | - 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| MINING | 13.9 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 13.4 | 13.4 | 13.7 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 24.7 | 25.0 | 25.4 | - 0.3 | - 0.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 48.8 | 48.7 | 47.0 | + 0.1 | + 1.8 |
| Durable Goods | 23.2 | 23.0 | 21.7 | + 0.2 | + 1.5 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Transportation Equipment | 12.3 | 12.1 | 11.3 | + 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.7 | 9.6 | 8.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.9 |
| Other Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 25.6 | 25.7 | 25.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 487.5 | 484.9 | 483.0 | + 2.6 | + 4.5 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 42.8 | 42.7 | 43.2 | + 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 11.7 | 11.4 | 12.2 | + 0.3 | - 0.5 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 13.0 | 13.1 | 13.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 140.6 | 140.8 | 140.3 | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33.3 | 33.4 | 33.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.3 | 17.6 | 17.4 | - 0.3 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 16.0 | 15.8 | 16.0 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 107.3 | 107.4 | 106.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| General Merchandise | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.1 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Food Stores | 20.7 | 20.6 | 21.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 37.9 | 38.4 | 38.5 | - 0.5 | - 0.6 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 30.3 | 30.3 | 30.0 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Banking | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 170.0 | 168.6 | 167.5 | + 1.4 | + 2.5 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.1 | 13.3 | 13.2 | - 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Health Services | 49.2 | 49.0 | 48.0 | + 0.2 | + 1.2 |
| Educational Services | 14.9 | 15.1 | 14.9 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 103.8 | 102.5 | 102.0 | + 1.3 | + 1.8 |
| Federal | 17.0 | 17.1 | 17.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.7 |
| State and Local | 86.8 | 85.4 | 84.3 | + 1.4 | + 2.5 |
| State | 24.0 | 23.8 | 22.7 | + 0.2 | + 1.3 |
| Local | 62.8 | 61.6 | 61.6 | + 1.2 | + 1.2 |

# NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA was estimated at 574,900 for July. This was 2,400 above the June revised level and 5,300 higher than July, 1993.

Goods producing, estimated at 87,400, was 200 below last month's level, but 800 higher than July of last year. Decreases in heavy construction was solely responsible for the employment drop in the construction segment as well as the goods producing industry. Mining employment held steady over the month, while manufacturing showed a small increase of 100 from June.

Service producing employment was estimated at 487,500 for July, up 2,600 from June and 4,500 above July one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities exhibited a small increase of 100 over the month. Trade was lower in both the wholesale and retail sectors. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment was unchanged from June. Services showed a substantial growth in the social services sector. The increase in summer hires boosted local government employment, as well as the estimate for total government.

An estimated 34,600 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $587.29 per week, down $7.67 from last month's revised figure. Average weekly hours were 43.6, down from 44.4 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.47, up from $13.40 in June, and $0.34 higher than July of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 46,300 in July. The unemployment rate registered 7.5 percent.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | July 1994* | June 1994** | July 1993** | Net Change From June 1994 | Net Change From July 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 159.9 | 159.5 | 154.1 | + 0.4 | + 5.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 31.7 | 32.1 | 30.9 | - 0.4 | + 0.8 |
| MINING | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20.4 | 20.7 | 19.8 | - 0.3 | + 0.6 |
| Durable Goods | 14.2 | 14.5 | 13.7 | - 0.3 | + 0.5 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.7 | - 0.3 | + 0.6 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 128.2 | 127.4 | 123.2 | + 0.8 | + 5.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.5 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 37.2 | 36.9 | 36.5 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 9.0 | 8.9 | 8.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 28.2 | 28.0 | 27.6 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.7 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 45.4 | 44.5 | 41.0 | + 0.9 | + 4.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 30.7 | 31.1 | 30.5 | - 0.4 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 25.6 | 26.0 | 25.4 | - 0.4 | + 0.2 |
| State | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 17.1 | 17.5 | 16.9 | - 0.4 | + 0.2 |

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 159,900 for July, 1994. This was 400 higher than the June revised estimate and 5,800 above the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 31,700, a loss of 400 from last month's estimate of 32,100. Manufacturing had a drop of 300 with the loss being reported in the durable goods sector. Construction declined by 100 due to the special trade contractors sector.

Service producing employment increased to 128,200, showing a gain of 800 from last month's estimate of 127,400. Transportation, communications, and public utilities had a minimal gain of 100. Trade was up 300 with the gains occurring at the wholesale and retail levels. Finance, insurance, and real estate was down by 100. Services increased by 900 primarily due to the third of three riverboat gambling casinos coming on-line. Government was down 400 due to local public school payrolls declining for the summer.

An estimated 15,200 production workers in manufacturing in the MSA had average weekly earnings of $582.34 in July, compared to $593.78 in June. Average weekly hours decreased to 43.2 in July, compared to 43.5 for June. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.48 in July, compared to $13.65 in June.

The civilian labor force for Shreveport-Bossier City MSA, estimated at 184,200 included 170,100 employed and 14,100 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.6 percent.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States. Prices are gathered from 85 areas across the country. The years 1982-84 are used as the base period. While the CPI may provide a broad outline of price fluctuations, it cannot reflect individual buying trends or regional experiences.

### ANNUAL AVERAGES

| | ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | | URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL WORKERS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| YEAR | INDEX* | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
| 1987 | 113.6 | + 3.6 | 112.5 | + 3.6 |
| 1988 | 118.3 | + 4.1 | 117.0 | + 4.0 |
| 1989 | 124.0 | + 4.8 | 122.6 | + 4.8 |
| 1990 | 130.7 | + 5.4 | 129.0 | + 5.2 |
| 1991 | 136.2 | + 4.2 | 134.3 | + 4.1 |
| 1992 | 140.3 | + 3.0 | 138.2 | + 2.9 |
| 1993 | 144.5 | + 3.0 | 142.1 | + 2.8 |

### MONTHLY 1993 - 1994

| | | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR | | | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1993 | INDEX | [MONTH | YEAR] | INDEX | [MONTH | YEAR] |
| Jan. | 142.6 | + 0.5 | + 3.3 | 140.3 | + 0.4 | + 3.2 |
| Feb. | 143.1 | + 0.4 | + 3.2 | 140.7 | + 0.3 | + 3.2 |
| Mar. | 143.6 | + 0.3 | + 3.1 | 141.1 | + 0.3 | + 3.0 |
| Apr. | 144.0 | + 0.3 | + 3.2 | 141.6 | + 0.4 | + 3.1 |
| May | 144.2 | + 0.1 | + 3.2 | 141.9 | + 0.2 | + 3.1 |
| June | 144.4 | + 0.1 | + 3.0 | 142.0 | + 0.1 | + 2.8 |
| July | 144.4 | 0 | + 2.8 | 142.1 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 |
| Aug. | 144.8 | + 0.3 | + 2.8 | 142.4 | + 0.2 | + 2.6 |
| Sept. | 145.1 | + 0.2 | + 2.7 | 142.6 | + 0.1 | + 2.5 |
| Oct. | 145.7 | + 0.4 | + 2.8 | 143.3 | + 0.5 | + 2.7 |
| Nov. | 145.8 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 | 143.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.6 |
| Dec. | 145.8 | 0 | + 2.7 | 143.3 | - 0.1 | + 2.5 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 146.2 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 143.6 | + 0.2 | + 2.4 |
| Feb. | 146.7 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 144.0 | + 0.3 | + 2.3 |
| Mar. | 147.2 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 144.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.3 |
| Apr. | 147.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.4 | 144.7 | + 0.2 | + 2.2 |
| May | 147.5 | + 0.1 | + 2.3 | 144.9 | + 0.1 | + 2.1 |
| June | 148.0 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 145.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.4 |
| July | 148.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.8 | 145.8 | + 0.3 | + 2.6 |

**TO COMPUTE PERCENT CHANGE:**

**CURRENT PERIOD - PRIOR PERIOD**
**-------------------------------- x 100 = % change**
**PRIOR PERIOD**

*Based to 1982-1984 = 100.0

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## THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,689,100 in August. Last month's revised figure was 1,683,500 and last year's figure was 1,638,600.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 338,600 for August, compared to 337,500 for July and 329,300 one year ago. Mining crept up 300 due to increased activity in the exploration for oil and gas. Construction displayed positive movement in all segments with the exception of heavy construction. Manufacturing employment held steady with an increase in durable goods offsetting a decrease in nondurable goods.

Service producing employment rose sharply to a level of 1,350,500. This was an increase of 4,500 and 41,200 from the month-ago and year-ago figures, respectively. Transportation, communications, and public utilities showed a small increase mainly due to more activity at the state's ports. Trade continued on an upward trend with the retail trade sector leading the way as a result of all segments showing increases except building materials and garden supplies, and furniture and equipment. Increased business in banking and real estate nudged the finance, insurance, and real estate sector upward. Services spiraled upward with the gains centered mainly in the business services, amusement and recreation, and educational services segments. Government employment was lower as seasonal trends continued in education payrolls and the release of youths hired for the summer occurred.

Louisiana's 135,700 production workers earned average weekly earnings of $555.99 in August. The July revised figure was $560.70 and the August, 1993 level was $534.25. Average hourly earnings estimated at $12.93 for August were $0.14 less than July, but $0.30 more than one year ago. Average weekly hours for August were 43.0, compared to 42.9 for July and 42.3 for last year.

The August preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.9 percent, a slight increase from the July revised rate of 7.7 percent. The national unemployment rate for August remained the same as the July rate of 6.1 percent. Total unemployment for August increased to 155,000. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,974,100 with an increase in total employment to 1,819,100.

# LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug. 1994* | July 1994** | Aug. 1993** | July 1994 | Aug. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 1,689.1 | 1,683.5 | 1,638.6 | + 5.6 | +50.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 338.6 | 337.5 | 329.3 | + 1.1 | + 9.3 |
| MINING | 46.7 | 46.4 | 45.8 | + 0.3 | + 0.9 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 44.8 | 44.5 | 44.0 | + 0.3 | + 0.8 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 105.7 | 104.9 | 96.7 | + 0.8 | + 9.0 |
| General Contractors | 19.3 | 18.8 | 16.4 | + 0.5 | + 2.9 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 39.8 | 40.1 | 38.4 | - 0.3 | + 1.4 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 46.6 | 46.0 | 41.9 | + 0.6 | + 4.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 186.2 | 186.2 | 186.8 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| Durable Goods | 79.3 | 79.2 | 79.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 12.9 | 12.8 | 13.7 | + 0.1 | - 0.8 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.7 | 21.5 | 21.4 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.9 | 107.0 | 107.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 22.3 | 22.3 | 21.7 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 10.7 | 10.6 | 11.5 | + 0.1 | - 0.8 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 11.6 | 11.6 | 12.0 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.4 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.5 | 30.6 | 30.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 1,350.5 | 1,346.0 | 1,309.3 | + 4.5 | +41.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 108.4 | 108.3 | 105.7 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 65.9 | 65.6 | 62.8 | + 0.3 | + 3.1 |
| Water Transportation | 23.4 | 23.3 | 22.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.7 | 37.9 | 38.0 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.9 | 16.0 | 16.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 21.8 | 21.9 | 22.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |

## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Aug. 1994* | July 1994** | Aug. 1993** | Net Change From July 1994 | Net Change From Aug. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 395.3 | 392.4 | 383.2 | + 2.9 | +12.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 87.8 | 87.5 | 84.9 | + 0.3 | + 2.9 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.7 | 47.7 | 46.5 | 0 | + 1.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 40.1 | 39.8 | 38.4 | + 0.3 | + 1.7 |
| Retail Trade | 307.5 | 304.9 | 298.3 | + 2.6 | + 9.2 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| General Merchandise | 42.0 | 41.4 | 40.3 | + 0.6 | + 1.7 |
| Food Stores | 60.2 | 59.9 | 58.9 | + 0.3 | + 1.3 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 35.0 | 34.8 | 33.3 | + 0.2 | + 1.7 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 16.0 | 15.6 | 15.4 | + 0.4 | + 0.6 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 100.8 | 99.9 | 97.8 | + 0.9 | + 3.0 |
| Other Retail Trade | 31.1 | 30.8 | 30.7 | + 0.3 | + 0.4 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 79.6 | 79.4 | 78.1 | + 0.2 | + 1.5 |
| Banking | 28.4 | 28.3 | 27.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Insurance | 26.9 | 26.9 | 26.7 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 430.9 | 426.3 | 408.2 | + 4.6 | +22.7 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 22.4 | 22.3 | 21.3 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| Personal Services | 14.4 | 14.4 | 13.9 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Business Services | 71.7 | 69.7 | 66.2 | + 2.0 | + 5.5 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 12.7 | 12.6 | 11.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 21.5 | 20.6 | 14.7 | + 0.9 | + 6.8 |
| Health Services | 146.1 | 145.9 | 140.4 | + 0.2 | + 5.7 |
| Hospitals | 61.5 | 61.6 | 59.6 | - 0.1 | + 1.9 |
| Legal Services | 16.5 | 16.6 | 16.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Educational Services | 22.9 | 21.3 | 22.7 | + 1.6 | + 0.2 |
| Social Services | 28.4 | 28.7 | 27.0 | - 0.3 | + 1.4 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.4 | 26.7 | 26.6 | - 0.3 | - 0.2 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 29.3 | 29.2 | 27.8 | + 0.1 | + 1.5 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 336.3 | 339.6 | 334.1 | - 3.3 | + 2.2 |
| Federal | 36.7 | 36.8 | 37.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| State and Local | 299.6 | 302.8 | 297.0 | - 3.2 | + 2.6 |
| State | 101.2 | 102.9 | 100.3 | - 1.7 | + 0.9 |
| Local | 198.4 | 199.9 | 196.7 | - 1.5 | + 1.7 |

*** Preliminary** ****Revised**

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $555.99 | $560.70 | $534.25 | 43.0 | 42.9 | 42.3 | $12.93 | $13.07 | $12.63 |
| Durable Goods | 498.78 | 509.39 | 483.58 | 43.6 | 43.8 | 43.1 | 11.44 | 11.63 | 11.22 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 373.54 | 426.68 | 405.45 | 42.4 | 44.4 | 45.1 | 8.81 | 9.61 | 8.99 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 488.68 | 451.27 | 495.55 | 42.2 | 40.4 | 42.5 | 11.58 | 11.17 | 11.66 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 445.37 | 473.19 | 450.14 | 41.2 | 44.1 | 43.2 | 10.81 | 10.73 | 10.42 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 530.36 | 513.16 | 516.78 | 45.8 | 44.2 | 46.1 | 11.58 | 11.61 | 11.21 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 725.41 | 747.23 | 696.17 | 43.0 | 40.5 | 43.0 | 16.87 | 18.45 | 16.19 |
| Transportation Equipment | 561.60 | 563.94 | 511.11 | 45.0 | 44.9 | 40.5 | 12.48 | 12.56 | 12.62 |
| Nondurable Goods | 602.23 | 603.62 | 575.88 | 42.5 | 42.3 | 41.7 | 14.17 | 14.27 | 13.81 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 342.15 | 344.21 | 314.71 | 40.3 | 40.4 | 38.1 | 8.49 | 8.52 | 8.26 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 262.55 | 239.08 | 213.45 | 37.4 | 34.4 | 33.3 | 7.02 | 6.95 | 6.41 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 661.52 | 665.41 | 629.77 | 42.9 | 42.6 | 42.9 | 15.42 | 15.62 | 14.68 |
| Printing & Publishing | 451.58 | 456.92 | 454.30 | 37.6 | 38.3 | 38.5 | 12.01 | 11.93 | 11.80 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 931.71 | 909.44 | 865.72 | 46.4 | 46.4 | 46.0 | 20.08 | 19.60 | 18.82 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 886.65 | 936.85 | 918.46 | 44.2 | 45.5 | 46.2 | 20.06 | 20.59 | 19.88 |
| Petroleum Refining | 908.02 | 959.00 | 944.98 | 44.1 | 45.3 | 46.3 | 20.59 | 21.17 | 20.41 |
| **MINING** | 636.00 | 663.58 | 609.24 | 50.0 | 51.6 | 48.7 | 12.72 | 12.86 | 12.51 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 629.43 | 628.49 | 591.82 | 42.5 | 42.9 | 40.9 | 14.81 | 14.65 | 14.47 |
| **BANKING** | 335.16 | 335.31 | 333.09 | 36.0 | 35.9 | 37.3 | 9.31 | 9.34 | 8.93 |

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **135,700** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **83,700** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $668.68 | $683.11 | $647.77 | 42.7 | 44.1 | 43.3 | $15.66 | $15.49 | $14.96 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 914.81 | 942.47 | 893.41 | 45.4 | 47.1 | 46.8 | 20.15 | 20.01 | 19.09 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,800** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

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## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $590.92 | $587.58 | $532.59 | 44.0 | 43.3 | 41.0 | $13.43 | $13.57 | $12.99 |
| Durable Goods | 504.32 | 496.51 | 423.31 | 44.2 | 43.1 | 38.8 | 11.41 | 11.52 | 10.91 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 505.79 | 424.02 | 480.60 | 45.2 | 38.2 | 44.5 | 11.19 | 11.10 | 10.80 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 470.11 | 444.05 | 423.50 | 42.2 | 41.5 | 40.8 | 11.14 | 10.70 | 10.38 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 463.47 | 454.76 | 368.93 | 43.6 | 42.7 | 36.6 | 10.63 | 10.65 | 10.08 |
| Nondurable Goods | 665.55 | 665.76 | 620.60 | 43.7 | 43.4 | 42.8 | 15.23 | 15.34 | 14.50 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 454.52 | 441.15 | 397.47 | 44.3 | 42.5 | 40.6 | 10.26 | 10.38 | 9.79 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 182.29 | 171.18 | 182.52 | 34.2 | 31.7 | 33.8 | 5.33 | 5.40 | 5.40 |
| Printing & Publishing | 461.57 | 495.94 | 444.71 | 38.4 | 42.1 | 39.6 | 12.02 | 11.78 | 11.23 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 932.14 | 914.54 | 910.11 | 46.1 | 46.4 | 47.8 | 20.22 | 19.71 | 19.04 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **34,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

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## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** | Aug. '94* | July '94** | Aug. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $557.14 | $581.47 | $563.05 | 42.4 | 43.2 | 41.8 | $13.14 | $13.46 | $13.47 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 322.07 | 376.62 | 366.96 | 43.7 | 48.1 | 46.1 | 7.37 | 7.83 | 7.96 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 309.07 | 335.72 | 275.34 | 28.2 | 30.3 | 26.5 | 10.96 | 11.08 | 10.39 |
| Printing and Publishing | 391.93 | 389.20 | 433.54 | 38.5 | 40.0 | 40.9 | 10.18 | 9.73 | 10.60 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 621.92 | 664.10 | 653.59 | 43.4 | 45.3 | 45.2 | 14.33 | 14.66 | 14.46 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,300** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

# LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| (in thousands) | PRELIMINARY AUG., 1994 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE | REVISED JUL., 1994 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE | REVISED AUG., 1993 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.) | 1974.1 | 1819.1 | 155.0 | 7.9 | 1950.2 | 1799.1 | 151.1 | 7.7 | 1869.9 | 1736.4 | 133.5 | 7.1 |
| LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED) | 1987.0 | 1827.0 | 160.0 | 8.1 | 2003.5 | 1841.2 | 162.3 | 8.1 | 1886.1 | 1745.7 | 140.4 | 7.4 |

DATA BELOW NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED - CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED. LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

| METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS & THEIR PARISH COMPONENTS | EMPLOYED PREL AUG '94 | REV JUL '94 | REV AUG '93 | UNEMPLOYED PREL AUG '94 | REV JUL '94 | REV AUG '93 | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE PREL AUG '94 | REV JUL '94 | REV AUG '93 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALEXANDRIA (RAPIDES) | 53.5 | 54.5 | 51.7 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 6.9 |
| BATON ROUGE | 262.7 | 264.3 | 251.5 | 21.5 | 22.5 | 19.1 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 7.0 |
| ASCENSION | 26.9 | 27.0 | 25.7 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 9.2 |
| EAST BATON ROUGE | 194.0 | 195.2 | 185.7 | 14.2 | 14.6 | 12.1 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 6.1 |
| LIVINGSTON | 32.9 | 33.1 | 31.5 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 10.3 | 10.9 | 10.1 |
| WEST BATON ROUGE | 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 9.5 | 10.4 | 8.8 |
| HOUMA | 74.7 | 75.6 | 71.0 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.8 |
| LAFOURCHE | 35.2 | 35.7 | 33.5 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.1 |
| TERREBONNE | 39.5 | 39.9 | 37.5 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 6.6 |
| LAFAYETTE | 150.8 | 151.4 | 143.7 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 10.6 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 6.8 |
| ACADIA | 20.9 | 21.0 | 19.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 9.1 |
| LAFAYETTE | 83.5 | 83.8 | 79.5 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.2 |
| ST LANDRY | 28.0 | 28.1 | 26.7 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 12.0 | 11.4 | 9.6 |
| ST MARTIN | 18.4 | 18.5 | 17.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 7.4 |
| LAKE CHARLES (CALCASIEU) | 76.0 | 77.4 | 72.9 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 7.4 |
| MONROE (OUACHITA) | 63.0 | 63.8 | 59.7 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 6.7 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 566.4 | 570.0 | 546.3 | 47.2 | 46.6 | 42.4 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 7.2 |
| JEFFERSON | 221.5 | 222.9 | 213.6 | 15.7 | 15.5 | 13.9 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| ORLEANS | 191.6 | 192.8 | 184.8 | 18.0 | 17.3 | 15.9 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 7.9 |
| PLAQUEMINES | 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 7.0 |
| ST BERNARD | 29.3 | 29.5 | 28.3 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 7.4 |
| ST CHARLES | 19.5 | 19.6 | 18.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 9.1 |
| ST JAMES | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 14.0 | 14.6 | 14.1 |
| ST JOHN | 17.1 | 17.3 | 16.5 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 9.5 | 10.3 | 10.4 |
| ST TAMMANY | 69.8 | 70.2 | 67.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.4 |
| SHREV'T-BOSSIER CITY | 168.8 | 169.7 | 159.4 | 13.8 | 14.1 | 11.8 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 6.9 |
| BOSSIER | 40.1 | 40.4 | 37.9 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| CADDO | 111.7 | 112.3 | 105.5 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 6.7 |
| WEBSTER | 17.0 | 17.0 | 16.0 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 10.0 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| PARISH | EMPLOYED |  |  | UNEMPLOYED |  |  | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | PREL AUG '94 | REV JUL '94 | REV AUG '93 | PREL AUG '94 | REV JUL '94 | REV AUG '93 | PREL AUG '94 | REV JUL '94 | REV AUG '93 |
| ALLEN | 8075 | 8050 | 7625 | 900 | 950 | 875 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 10.2 |
| ASSUMPTION | 8650 | 8725 | 7875 | 875 | 900 | 1025 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 11.5 |
| AVOYELLES | 15425 | 15350 | 12700 | 1725 | 1900 | 1500 | 10.1 | 11.0 | 10.5 |
| BEAUREGARD | 11925 | 12050 | 11425 | 1275 | 1200 | 1075 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 8.6 |
| BIENVILLE | 5925 | 6025 | 5625 | 575 | 575 | 475 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 7.9 |
| CALDWELL | 4050 | 4125 | 3975 | 575 | 550 | 400 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 9.1 |
| CAMERON | 3650 | 3675 | 3400 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| CATAHOULA | 5125 | 5200 | 4800 | 600 | 625 | 450 | 10.3 | 10.8 | 8.7 |
| CLAIBORNE | 5250 | 5275 | 5150 | 625 | 675 | 375 | 10.8 | 11.3 | 6.9 |
| CONCORDIA | 7675 | 7750 | 7400 | 1025 | 1125 | 1000 | 11.9 | 12.7 | 12.0 |
| DESOTO | 9450 | 9575 | 8975 | 1000 | 1000 | 875 | 9.6 | 9.4 | 8.9 |
| EAST CARROLL | 3100 | 3150 | 3000 | 575 | 625 | 525 | 15.7 | 16.4 | 14.7 |
| EAST FELICIANA | 7675 | 7750 | 7225 | 700 | 725 | 650 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 8.3 |
| EVANGELINE | 11625 | 11775 | 11175 | 1050 | 1025 | 850 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.2 |
| FRANKLIN | 9725 | 9925 | 9325 | 1175 | 1200 | 950 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 9.2 |
| GRANT | 6300 | 6325 | 6425 | 825 | 825 | 525 | 11.5 | 11.6 | 7.4 |
| IBERIA | 27600 | 27775 | 26450 | 2675 | 2750 | 2225 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 7.7 |
| IBERVILLE | 12200 | 12250 | 11550 | 1600 | 1750 | 1425 | 11.6 | 12.5 | 10.9 |
| JACKSON | 6200 | 6250 | 5950 | 425 | 625 | 400 | 6.6 | 9.0 | 6.1 |
| JEFFERSON DAVIS | 11025 | 11175 | 10725 | 1100 | 1100 | 1025 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 |
| LASALLE | 5525 | 5625 | 5400 | 525 | 525 | 575 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 9.6 |
| LINCOLN | 18100 | 18350 | 17350 | 775 | 800 | 700 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| MADISON | 4625 | 4700 | 4350 | 650 | 800 | 650 | 12.2 | 14.6 | 12.9 |
| MOREHOUSE | 12550 | 12750 | 12100 | 1625 | 1600 | 1325 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 9.9 |
| NATCHITOCHES | 15775 | 15900 | 14650 | 1425 | 1425 | 1225 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 7.7 |
| POINTE COUPEE | 9100 | 9150 | 8700 | 1375 | 1350 | 1025 | 13.2 | 12.9 | 10.6 |
| RED RIVER | 3575 | 3600 | 3375 | 375 | 375 | 300 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 8.4 |
| RICHLAND | 7800 | 7925 | 7425 | 1050 | 1100 | 825 | 11.9 | 12.2 | 9.9 |
| SABINE | 8925 | 8975 | 8500 | 675 | 600 | 625 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 6.9 |
| ST HELENA | 3775 | 3800 | 3625 | 400 | 400 | 300 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 7.6 |
| ST MARY | 23075 | 23275 | 21025 | 2425 | 2575 | 2200 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 9.5 |
| TANGIPAHOA | 36300 | 36550 | 34750 | 4950 | 4950 | 4125 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 10.6 |
| TENSAS | 2950 | 3050 | 2850 | 300 | 325 | 225 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 7.1 |
| UNION | 11150 | 11275 | 10475 | 700 | 700 | 675 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 6.2 |
| VERMILION | 21200 | 21250 | 19775 | 1575 | 1700 | 1475 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 6.9 |
| VERNON | 16150 | 16200 | 15750 | 1575 | 1550 | 1475 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 8.6 |
| WASHINGTON | 15675 | 15725 | 14700 | 1675 | 1775 | 1500 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 9.2 |
| WEST CARROLL | 4350 | 4325 | 4500 | 900 | 1025 | 725 | 17.2 | 19.4 | 14.0 |
| WEST FELICIANA | 3450 | 3500 | 3375 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 9.3 |
| WINN | 6400 | 6400 | 6050 | 400 | 575 | 300 | 5.9 | 8.2 | 4.5 |

LABOR AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED.

## ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Aug. 1994* | July 1994** | Aug. 1993** | Net Change From July 1994 | Aug. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 50.0 | 50.5 | 49.6 | - 0.5 | + 0.4 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 7.3 | 7.2 | 6.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| MINING | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 42.7 | 43.3 | 42.7 | - 0.6 | 0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 11.0 | 11.1 | 11.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 14.4 | 14.4 | 14.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Health Services | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 0 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.6 | 13.1 | 12.6 | - 0.5 | 0 |
| Federal | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 10.3 | 10.8 | 10.2 | - 0.5 | + 0.1 |
| State | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.3 | - 0.5 | 0 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA continued to move downward in August to a level of 50,000. This was mainly due to the release of summer help in local government.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 7,300. This figure was 100 more than July as a result of increased business activity in general nonresidential contractors. Also, the largest over-the-year gain was centered primarily in the general nonresidential construction segment.

Service producing employment moved downward to a level of 42,700, a figure 600 below July, but remained at the same level as August, 1993. The current loss was triggered by the temporary or seasonal reductions of summer hires in local government. After six months of stability, wholesale trade was also on the downturn, resulting in a loss of 100 in the nondurable goods segment.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

|  | Aug. 1994* | July 1994** | Aug. 1993** | Net Change From July 1994 | Net Change From Aug. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 259.0 | 259.3 | 255.2 | - 0.3 | + 3.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 54.9 | 54.2 | 54.4 | + 0.7 | + 0.5 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30.8 | 30.2 | 30.2 | + 0.6 | + 0.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 23.2 | 23.1 | 23.3 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.5 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 204.1 | 205.1 | 200.8 | - 1.0 | + 3.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.8 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 58.0 | 57.6 | 56.3 | + 0.4 | + 1.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.5 | 13.4 | 13.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 44.5 | 44.2 | 43.0 | + 0.3 | + 1.5 |
| General Merchandise | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.8 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Banking | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 65.0 | 65.0 | 63.4 | 0 | + 1.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 54.6 | 55.9 | 54.5 | - 1.3 | + 0.1 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 52.2 | 53.5 | 52.1 | - 1.3 | + 0.1 |
| State | 27.6 | 27.7 | 27.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Local | 24.6 | 25.8 | 24.2 | - 1.2 | + 0.4 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA estimated at 259,000, was down 300 during August as a result of seasonal dismissals in local government. Goods producing employment was up 700, while service producing was down 1,000.

Goods producing rose to 54,900, an increase of 500 from the prior year. Business upturns in general nonresidential contractors were entirely responsible for the 600 increase in construction. Manufacturing continued its upward mobility due to more demand for fabricated metal products. The 1993 figure of 54,900 included an increase of 600 in construction, mainly in the general nonresidential and heavy construction segments. The continuing downsizing at local chemical plants was responsible for the over-the-year loss in manufacturing.

Service producing employment began its normal seasonal downturn, declining to 204,100 for August. The decrease was centered primarily in government due to seasonal or temporary summer cutbacks in state and local government. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment decreased to 11,800, reflecting payroll reductions in the communication segment. The grand opening of new businesses in the wholesale office supply segment, and in the retail segments of department stores, gasoline service stations, and restaurants resulted in an overall growth of 400 in trade.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,800 production workers in all manufacturing was $668.68 for August, a decrease of $14.43 from the July average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $20.91. Average weekly hours, at 42.7, decreased by 1.4 hours in August, while average hourly earnings, at $15.66, increased by $0.17 an hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 284,200. This figure was comprised of 262,700 employed and 21,500 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.6 percent in August.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,767 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,969 referrals to current openings resulted in 116 placements during August.

# HOUMA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Aug. 1994* | July 1994** | Aug. 1993** | Net Change From July 1994 | Net Change From Aug. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.1 | 61.2 | 59.5 | - 0.1 | + 1.6 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.7 | 13.8 | 13.7 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| MINING | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 0 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 47.4 | 47.4 | 45.8 | 0 | + 1.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Water Transportation | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 0 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.3 | 15.3 | 14.7 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.4 | 12.4 | 11.9 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| GOVERNMENT | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.3 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.5 | 11.5 | 10.9 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| State | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.1 | 0 | + 0.4 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA decreased slightly by 100 from July to August to a level of 61,100. There was an increase of 1,600 from the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment showed a minimal loss of 100 in the nondurable goods manufacturing sector. All other sectors remained steady over the month. At the goods producing level there was no year-ago change.

Service producing employment remained constant over the month, with no movement found in any of the sectors. There were several increases in the year-ago figures.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Aug. 1994* | July 1994** | Aug. 1993** | Net Change From July 1994 | Net Change From Aug. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 139.3 | 138.7 | 136.4 | + 0.6 | + 2.9 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 34.7 | 34.3 | 33.3 | + 0.4 | + 1.4 |
| MINING | 11.3 | 11.2 | 11.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.4 | 7.1 | 6.7 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.4 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Durable Goods | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 104.6 | 104.4 | 103.1 | + 0.2 | + 1.5 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.1 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 35.9 | 35.4 | 34.6 | + 0.5 | + 1.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 27.8 | 27.4 | 26.7 | + 0.4 | + 1.1 |
| General Merchandise | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 | + 0.4 | + 0.4 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 33.1 | 32.8 | 32.8 | + 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 21.8 | 22.3 | 22.0 | - 0.5 | - 0.2 |
| Federal | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 20.5 | 21.0 | 20.7 | - 0.5 | - 0.2 |
| State | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 14.6 | 15.1 | 14.9 | - 0.5 | - 0.3 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 139,300 in August, was up by 600 from the July revised estimate of 138,700.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,700, a gain of 400 from last month's estimate of 34,300. Construction rose by 300 due to job growth spread across the entire construction sector. Mining was up 100 in August, which has not happened in several months.

Service producing employment was estimated at 104,600, an increase of 200 from the July estimate. Trade increased 500 mostly due to employment growth in the general merchandise stores sector. Services was up by 300 due to seasonal hiring in educational services. Transportation, communications, and public utilities had a minimal loss of 100. Government was down 500 reflecting the end of summer job programs for youths.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Aug. 1994* | July 1994** | Aug. 1993** | Net Change From July 1994 | Net Change From Aug. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 73.5 | 74.5 | 72.5 | - 1.0 | + 1.0 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 19.5 | 19.8 | 19.5 | - 0.3 | 0 |
| MINING | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.0 | - 0.3 | - 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 54.0 | 54.7 | 53.0 | - 0.7 | + 1.0 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.4 | 16.3 | 16.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.1 | 13.0 | 13.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 18.3 | 18.2 | 17.1 | + 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.4 | 13.3 | 12.2 | - 0.9 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.8 | 12.7 | 11.6 | - 0.9 | + 0.2 |
| State | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 8.2 | 9.1 | 8.0 | - 0.9 | + 0.2 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA totaled 73,500 for the month of August. This was a substantial drop of 1,000 from the prior month, but a gain of 1,000 from the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment eased down by 300 to a level of 19,500. The loss was scattered throughout the construction industry due to less business. All other sectors remained at the same level for July and August.

Service producing employment noted a loss of 700 overall. Trade and services each had a gain of 100, while local government fell by 900 due to the release of youth hired for the summer.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Aug. 1994* | July 1994** | Aug. 1993** | Net Change From July 1994 | Net Change From Aug. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 62.4 | 63.1 | 60.9 | - 0.7 | + 1.5 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.4 | 11.5 | 11.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.0 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 51.0 | 51.6 | 49.6 | - 0.6 | + 1.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.7 | 15.7 | 14.9 | 0 | + 0.8 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.4 | 12.4 | 11.7 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 16.1 | 16.1 | 15.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 11.4 | 12.0 | 11.3 | - 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 10.9 | 11.5 | 10.8 | - 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| State | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 6.4 | 7.0 | 6.5 | - 0.6 | - 0.1 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 62,400 in August. This was 700 less than the July revised estimate, but 1,500 higher than August, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 11,400, and was 100 lower than July, but 100 higher than August one year ago. Mining and manufacturing showed no change over the month.

Service producing employment was estimated at 51,000 for August. This was 600 less than July, but 1,400 more than August, 1993. Wholesale and retail trade, services, finance, insurance, and real estate all remained stable over the month. Government showed a decrease of 600, which was centered in local government, due to the layoff of summer youth workers.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Aug. 1994* | July 1994** | Aug. 1993** | Net Change From July 1994 | Net Change From Aug. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 575.2 | 575.4 | 569.6 | - 0.2 | + 5.6 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 87.1 | 87.4 | 87.0 | - 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| MINING | 13.9 | 13.8 | 14.2 | + 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 13.4 | 13.4 | 13.7 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 24.6 | 24.7 | 25.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.9 |
| MANUFACTURING | 48.6 | 48.9 | 47.3 | - 0.3 | + 1.3 |
| Durable Goods | 23.1 | 23.3 | 21.9 | - 0.2 | + 1.2 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Transportation Equipment | 12.1 | 12.3 | 11.4 | - 0.2 | + 0.7 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.6 | 9.7 | 8.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Other Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 25.5 | 25.6 | 25.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 488.1 | 488.0 | 482.6 | + 0.1 | + 5.5 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 42.5 | 42.9 | 43.3 | - 0.4 | - 0.8 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 11.5 | 11.6 | 12.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.7 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 12.9 | 13.0 | 13.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 141.1 | 140.9 | 140.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33.2 | 33.3 | 33.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.2 | 17.4 | 17.4 | - 0.2 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 16.0 | 15.9 | 16.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 107.9 | 107.6 | 107.2 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| General Merchandise | 12.6 | 12.4 | 12.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Food Stores | 20.5 | 20.6 | 20.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 38.4 | 38.4 | 38.4 | 0 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 30.4 | 30.3 | 29.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Banking | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 171.1 | 170.5 | 167.0 | + 0.6 | + 4.1 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.1 | 13.2 | 13.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Health Services | 49.3 | 49.2 | 48.1 | + 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| Educational Services | 14.6 | 14.9 | 14.5 | - 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 103.0 | 103.4 | 101.7 | - 0.4 | + 1.3 |
| Federal | 17.0 | 17.0 | 17.6 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| State and Local | 86.0 | 86.4 | 84.1 | - 0.4 | + 1.9 |
| State | 23.5 | 23.7 | 22.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| Local | 62.5 | 62.7 | 61.4 | - 0.2 | + 1.1 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA was estimated at 575,200 for August. This was 200 below the July revised figure, but 5,600 above August one year ago.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 87,100 for August. This was 300 less than July, but 100 higher than the year-ago figure. Mining was up 100 over the month, while construction was down by 100 in the heavy construction segment. Manufacturing employment was lower for both the durable and nondurable goods sectors.

Service producing, estimated at 488,100, was 100 above July and 5,500 higher than last year. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down by 400 due to losses in the trucking and warehousing, water transportation, and utilities sectors. Trade employment increased mainly due to growth in the general merchandising, and apparel and accessory stores sectors. The finance, insurance, and real estate industry had a minimal increase of 100 in August. Services employment was higher mainly due to growth in the amusement and recreation services sector. The decrease in government payrolls was largely due to summer employees being released in August.

An estimated 34,600 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $590.92 per week, up $3.34 from last month's revised figure. Average weekly hours were 44.0, up from 43.3 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.43, down from $13.57 in July, and $0.44 higher than August of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 47,200 in August. The unemployment rate registered 7.7 percent.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Aug. 1994* | July 1994** | Aug. 1993** | Net Change From July 1994 | Net Change From Aug. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 159.9 | 159.8 | 154.9 | + 0.1 | + 5.0 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 31.9 | 31.8 | 31.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| MINING | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20.5 | 20.5 | 20.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 128.0 | 128.0 | 123.4 | 0 | + 4.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 37.6 | 37.2 | 36.4 | + 0.4 | + 1.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 28.6 | 28.2 | 27.5 | + 0.4 | + 1.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 45.2 | 45.1 | 41.5 | + 0.1 | + 3.7 |
| GOVERNMENT | 30.4 | 30.8 | 30.4 | - 0.4 | 0 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 25.3 | 25.7 | 25.3 | - 0.4 | 0 |
| State | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 16.7 | 17.1 | 16.9 | - 0.4 | - 0.2 |

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 159,900 for August, this was an increase of 100 from the July revised figure of 159,800.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 31,900, increased 100 from the July level of 31,800. Mining was the only industry in the goods producing sector to show an increase.

Service producing employment, estimated at 128,000, held steady for August. Trade was up 400 due to more jobs in general merchandise stores, and eating and drinking places. Government dropped 400 due to seasonal layoffs in local government. The finance, insurance, and real estate, and services sectors offset each other with a job change of 100.

An estimated 15,300 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $557.14 in August, compared to $581.47 in July. Average weekly hours decreased to 42.4 in August, compared to 43.2 in July. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.14 in August, compared to $13.46 in July.

The civilian labor force for the MSA, estimated at 182,600, included 168,800 employed and 13,800 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States. Prices are gathered from 85 areas across the country. The years 1982-84 are used as the base period. While the CPI may provide a broad outline of price fluctuations, it cannot reflect individual buying trends or regional experiences.

### ANNUAL AVERAGES

| | ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | | URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL WORKERS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| YEAR | INDEX* | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
| 1987 | 113.6 | + 3.6 | 112.5 | + 3.6 |
| 1988 | 118.3 | + 4.1 | 117.0 | + 4.0 |
| 1989 | 124.0 | + 4.8 | 122.6 | + 4.8 |
| 1990 | 130.7 | + 5.4 | 129.0 | + 5.2 |
| 1991 | 136.2 | + 4.2 | 134.3 | + 4.1 |
| 1992 | 140.3 | + 3.0 | 138.2 | + 2.9 |
| 1993 | 144.5 | + 3.0 | 142.1 | + 2.8 |

### MONTHLY 1993 - 1994

| | | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR | | | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1993 | INDEX | [MONTH | YEAR] | INDEX | [MONTH | YEAR] |
| Jan. | 142.6 | + 0.5 | + 3.3 | 140.3 | + 0.4 | + 3.2 |
| Feb. | 143.1 | + 0.4 | + 3.2 | 140.7 | + 0.3 | + 3.2 |
| Mar. | 143.6 | + 0.3 | + 3.1 | 141.1 | + 0.3 | + 3.0 |
| Apr. | 144.0 | + 0.3 | + 3.2 | 141.6 | + 0.4 | + 3.1 |
| May | 144.2 | + 0.1 | + 3.2 | 141.9 | + 0.2 | + 3.1 |
| June | 144.4 | + 0.1 | + 3.0 | 142.0 | + 0.1 | + 2.8 |
| July | 144.4 | 0 | + 2.8 | 142.1 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 |
| Aug. | 144.8 | + 0.3 | + 2.8 | 142.4 | + 0.2 | + 2.6 |
| Sept. | 145.1 | + 0.2 | + 2.7 | 142.6 | + 0.1 | + 2.5 |
| Oct. | 145.7 | + 0.4 | + 2.8 | 143.3 | + 0.5 | + 2.7 |
| Nov. | 145.8 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 | 143.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.6 |
| Dec. | 145.8 | 0 | + 2.7 | 143.3 | - 0.1 | + 2.5 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 146.2 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 143.6 | + 0.2 | + 2.4 |
| Feb. | 146.7 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 144.0 | + 0.3 | + 2.3 |
| Mar. | 147.2 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 144.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.3 |
| Apr. | 147.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.4 | 144.7 | + 0.2 | + 2.2 |
| May | 147.5 | + 0.1 | + 2.3 | 144.9 | + 0.1 | + 2.1 |
| June | 148.0 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 145.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.4 |
| July | 148.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.8 | 145.8 | + 0.3 | + 2.6 |
| Aug. | 149.0 | + 0.4 | + 2.9 | 146.5 | + 0.5 | + 2.9 |

**TO COMPUTE PERCENT CHANGE:**

$$\frac{\text{CURRENT PERIOD - PRIOR PERIOD}}{\text{PRIOR PERIOD}} \times 100 = \%\ \text{change}$$

*Based to 1982-1984 = 100.0

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF AUGUST, 1994

|  | LOUISIANA |  |  | ALEXANDRIA AREA |  |  | BATON ROUGE AREA |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| INDUSTRY | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE |
| Mining (10-14) | 869 | 722 | 147 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 24 | 17 | 7 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 7,003 | 4,763 | 2,240 | 155 | 108 | 47 | 1,616 | 1,152 | 464 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 2,866 | 1,407 | 1,459 | 61 | 34 | 27 | 201 | 126 | 75 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 1,709 | 907 | 802 | 26 | 20 | 6 | 145 | 85 | 60 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 855 | 594 | 261 | 22 | 20 | 2 | 150 | 108 | 42 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 3,597 | 1,877 | 1,720 | 85 | 51 | 34 | 410 | 183 | 227 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 830 | 593 | 237 | 22 | 20 | 2 | 152 | 103 | 49 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 8,181 | 4,283 | 3,898 | 252 | 144 | 108 | 1,094 | 579 | 515 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 1,023 | 475 | 548 | 32 | 24 | 8 | 117 | 41 | 76 |
| All Others | 140 | 57 | 83 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 16 | 34 |
| Totals | 27,073 | 15,678 | 11,395 | 662 | 428 | 234 | 3,959 | 2,410 | 1,549 |

| OCCUPATIONS | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 4,383 | 3,036 | 1,347 | 89 | 68 | 21 | 722 | 493 | 229 |
| Clerical and Sales | 6,436 | 4,145 | 2,291 | 144 | 114 | 30 | 1,006 | 601 | 405 |
| Services Occupations | 3,289 | 923 | 2,366 | 111 | 37 | 74 | 234 | 53 | 181 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related | 178 | 82 | 96 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Processing Occupations | 562 | 258 | 304 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 23 | 15 |
| Machine Trades | 981 | 671 | 310 | 40 | 35 | 5 | 100 | 82 | 18 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 718 | 328 | 390 | 18 | 4 | 14 | 54 | 43 | 11 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 6,815 | 4,391 | 2,424 | 150 | 94 | 56 | 1,470 | 977 | 493 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 3,711 | 1,844 | 1,867 | 95 | 69 | 26 | 329 | 135 | 194 |
| Totals | 27,073 | 15,678 | 11,395 | 662 | 428 | 234 | 3,959 | 2,410 | 1,549 |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF AUGUST, 1994

| | HOUMA AREA | | | LAFAYETTE AREA | | | LAKE CHARLES AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** |
| Mining (10-14) | 69 | 59 | 10 | 252 | 204 | 48 | 19 | 17 | 2 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 159 | 132 | 27 | 386 | 200 | 186 | 509 | 406 | 103 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 190 | 110 | 80 | 306 | 151 | 155 | 51 | 34 | 17 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 69 | 53 | 16 | 149 | 91 | 58 | 46 | 30 | 16 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 35 | 29 | 6 | 79 | 53 | 26 | 21 | 14 | 7 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 117 | 93 | 24 | 243 | 151 | 92 | 132 | 94 | 38 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 15 | 13 | 2 | 65 | 55 | 10 | 23 | 17 | 6 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 172 | 113 | 59 | 459 | 303 | 156 | 243 | 164 | 79 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 26 | 12 | 14 | 88 | 48 | 40 | 24 | 14 | 10 |
| All Others | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 853 | 615 | 238 | 2,029 | 1,257 | 772 | 1,069 | 790 | 279 |
| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 96 | 81 | 15 | 316 | 256 | 60 | 129 | 110 | 19 |
| Clerical and Sales | 177 | 139 | 38 | 460 | 359 | 101 | 255 | 202 | 53 |
| Services Occupations | 88 | 41 | 47 | 244 | 83 | 161 | 88 | 36 | 52 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ. | 8 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Processing Occupations | 120 | 68 | 52 | 82 | 41 | 41 | 33 | 19 | 14 |
| Machine Trades | 40 | 30 | 10 | 65 | 46 | 19 | 33 | 25 | 8 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 3 | 2 | 1 | 103 | 45 | 58 | 23 | 20 | 3 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 223 | 177 | 46 | 454 | 241 | 213 | 397 | 309 | 88 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 98 | 69 | 29 | 297 | 183 | 114 | 106 | 69 | 37 |
| Totals | 853 | 615 | 238 | 2,029 | 1,257 | 772 | 1,069 | 790 | 279 |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF AUGUST, 1994

| | MONROE AREA | | | NEW ORLEANS AREA | | | SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** | **TOTAL** | **WHITE** | **NON-WHITE** |
| Mining (10-14) | 6 | 6 | 0 | 140 | 101 | 39 | 71 | 64 | 7 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 171 | 124 | 47 | 1,527 | 871 | 656 | 346 | 202 | 144 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 86 | 38 | 48 | 684 | 328 | 356 | 333 | 139 | 194 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 20 | 7 | 13 | 687 | 308 | 379 | 106 | 57 | 49 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 283 | 178 | 105 | 89 | 70 | 19 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 154 | 82 | 72 | 1,408 | 623 | 785 | 354 | 175 | 179 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 30 | 28 | 2 | 347 | 218 | 129 | 69 | 51 | 18 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 290 | 150 | 140 | 3,147 | 1,541 | 1,606 | 727 | 308 | 419 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 21 | 7 | 14 | 334 | 123 | 211 | 64 | 29 | 35 |
| All Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 14 | 30 | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| Totals | 782 | 445 | 337 | 8,601 | 4,305 | 4,296 | 2,168 | 1,100 | 1,068 |

| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 117 | 87 | 30 | 1,743 | 1,124 | 619 | 370 | 252 | 118 |
| Clerical and Sales | 217 | 148 | 69 | 2,427 | 1,397 | 1,030 | 545 | 337 | 208 |
| Services Occupations | 128 | 35 | 93 | 1,283 | 273 | 1,010 | 330 | 60 | 270 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ. | 10 | 2 | 8 | 39 | 18 | 21 | 23 | 5 | 18 |
| Processing Occupations | 5 | 2 | 3 | 103 | 34 | 69 | 26 | 3 | 23 |
| Machine Trades | 35 | 20 | 15 | 299 | 187 | 112 | 107 | 63 | 44 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 6 | 2 | 4 | 97 | 42 | 55 | 99 | 28 | 71 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 119 | 83 | 36 | 1,626 | 831 | 795 | 332 | 188 | 144 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 145 | 66 | 79 | 984 | 399 | 585 | 336 | 164 | 172 |
| Totals | 782 | 445 | 337 | 8,601 | 4,305 | 4,296 | 2,168 | 1,100 | 1,068 |

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# THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

The total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana, estimated at 1,711,400 for September, reflected an increase of 22,700 compared to the August revised level and 60,700 compared to September, 1993.

Employment in the goods producing industries, estimated at 341,800, exceeded last month's revised figure of 339,200 as well as last year's figure of 331,400. Mining decreased as a result of less activity in the exploration for oil and gas. Construction was up with gains in all sectors. A seasonal increase in food and kindred products, nondurable goods pushed manufacturing payrolls higher in September.

Service producing employment continued its upward move to a level of 1,369,600 in comparison to the August level of 1,349,500 and the September, 1993 level of 1,319,300. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was up by 200 in September with the growth being in the transportation, excluding railroads sector. Trade rose slightly with the retail trade segment contributing the majority of the increase. Finance, insurance, and real estate payrolls dropped as a result of decreases in the banking and real estate segments. A seasonal increase in educational services was mainly responsible for the growth in total services employment. Government employment rose due to seasonal increases in both state and local education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 138,700 production workers in manufacturing increased from $562.46 in August to $578.60 in September, an increase of $16.14, and an increase of $33.80 from September of last year. Average hourly earnings were $13.18 in September, in comparison to $13.05 in August and $12.91 in September, 1993. Average weekly hours in September were 43.9, an increase of 0.8 hours from the August revised level of 43.1 hours.

The September preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.7 percent, a decrease from the August revised rate of 7.9 percent. The national unemployment rate for September was 5.9 percent, a decrease from the August rate of 6.1 percent. Total unemployment for September decreased to 151,900. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,977,200 with an increase in total employment to 1,825,300.

# LOUISIANA
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1994* | Aug. 1994** | Sept. 1993** | Net Change From Aug. 1994 | Net Change From Sept. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 1,711.4 | 1,688.7 | 1,650.7 | +22.7 | +60.7 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 341.8 | 339.2 | 331.4 | + 2.6 | +10.4 |
| MINING | 46.4 | 46.7 | 45.5 | - 0.3 | + 0.9 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 44.5 | 44.8 | 43.7 | - 0.3 | + 0.8 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 107.2 | 105.5 | 98.4 | + 1.7 | + 8.8 |
| General Contractors | 19.7 | 19.2 | 16.1 | + 0.5 | + 3.6 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 40.4 | 39.7 | 39.9 | + 0.7 | + 0.5 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 47.1 | 46.6 | 42.4 | + 0.5 | + 4.7 |
| MANUFACTURING | 188.2 | 187.0 | 187.5 | + 1.2 | + 0.7 |
| Durable Goods | 80.0 | 79.9 | 79.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 12.9 | 13.0 | 13.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.8 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Transportation Equipment | 22.2 | 22.1 | 21.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 108.2 | 107.1 | 107.8 | + 1.1 | + 0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 23.6 | 22.4 | 22.6 | + 1.2 | + 1.0 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 10.6 | 10.7 | 11.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.9 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 11.6 | 11.6 | 12.0 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.5 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.4 | 11.5 | 11.4 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 1,369.6 | 1,349.5 | 1,319.3 | +20.1 | +50.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 108.5 | 108.3 | 105.5 | + 0.2 | + 3.0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 66.1 | 65.9 | 63.0 | + 0.2 | + 3.1 |
| Water Transportation | 23.5 | 23.5 | 22.6 | 0 | + 0.9 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.7 | 37.7 | 37.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.9 | 15.9 | 15.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |

# LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1994* | Aug. 1994** | Sept. 1993** | Net Change From Aug. 1994 | Net Change From Sept. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 395.0 | 394.5 | 382.4 | + 0.5 | +12.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 87.8 | 87.7 | 84.7 | + 0.1 | + 3.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.8 | 47.7 | 46.5 | + 0.1 | + 1.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 40.0 | 40.0 | 38.2 | 0 | + 1.8 |
| Retail Trade | 307.2 | 306.8 | 297.7 | + 0.4 | + 9.5 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| General Merchandise | 42.2 | 42.1 | 40.3 | + 0.1 | + 1.9 |
| Food Stores | 60.2 | 60.2 | 58.5 | 0 | + 1.7 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 35.2 | 35.0 | 33.3 | + 0.2 | + 1.9 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.3 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 100.0 | 100.1 | 97.7 | - 0.1 | + 2.3 |
| Other Retail Trade | 31.2 | 31.0 | 30.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 79.2 | 79.5 | 77.9 | - 0.3 | + 1.3 |
| Banking | 28.2 | 28.4 | 27.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Insurance | 26.9 | 26.8 | 26.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| SERVICES | 436.8 | 430.9 | 412.9 | + 5.9 | +23.9 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 22.4 | 22.3 | 21.3 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| Personal Services | 14.7 | 14.5 | 14.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Business Services | 72.7 | 71.6 | 66.6 | + 1.1 | + 6.1 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 12.6 | 12.6 | 11.9 | 0 | + 0.7 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 21.7 | 21.5 | 14.0 | + 0.2 | + 7.7 |
| Health Services | 146.7 | 146.3 | 140.3 | + 0.4 | + 6.4 |
| Hospitals | 61.8 | 61.6 | 59.6 | + 0.2 | + 2.2 |
| Legal Services | 16.3 | 16.5 | 16.4 | - 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Educational Services | 28.6 | 22.9 | 28.6 | + 5.7 | 0 |
| Social Services | 27.6 | 28.5 | 26.7 | - 0.9 | + 0.9 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.2 | 26.4 | 26.4 | - 0.2 | - 0.2 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 29.1 | 29.3 | 27.8 | - 0.2 | + 1.3 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 350.1 | 336.3 | 340.6 | +13.8 | + 9.5 |
| Federal | 36.6 | 36.7 | 36.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| State and Local | 313.5 | 299.6 | 303.7 | +13.9 | + 9.8 |
| State | 108.8 | 101.2 | 106.2 | + 7.6 | + 2.6 |
| Local | 204.7 | 198.4 | 197.5 | + 6.3 | + 7.2 |

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept. '94* | Aug. '94** | Sept. '93** | Sept. '94* | Aug. '94** | Sept. '93** | Sept. '94* | Aug. '94** | Sept. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $578.60 | $562.46 | $544.80 | 43.9 | 43.1 | 42.2 | $13.18 | $13.05 | $12.91 |
| Durable Goods | 522.74 | 508.81 | 494.16 | 44.3 | 43.6 | 42.6 | 11.80 | 11.67 | 11.60 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 438.26 | 383.87 | 399.33 | 45.7 | 42.7 | 43.5 | 9.59 | 8.99 | 9.18 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 460.22 | 487.94 | 488.63 | 40.8 | 42.1 | 42.9 | 11.28 | 11.59 | 11.39 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 452.34 | 447.95 | 477.86 | 42.0 | 41.4 | 43.6 | 10.77 | 10.82 | 10.96 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 555.07 | 531.49 | 513.02 | 47.2 | 45.7 | 45.2 | 11.76 | 11.63 | 11.35 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 820.87 | 712.34 | 725.79 | 46.8 | 42.2 | 37.9 | 17.54 | 16.88 | 19.15 |
| Transportation Equipment | 567.66 | 586.80 | 532.93 | 43.7 | 45.0 | 40.9 | 12.99 | 13.04 | 13.03 |
| Nondurable Goods | 625.35 | 606.77 | 587.58 | 43.7 | 42.7 | 42.0 | 14.31 | 14.21 | 13.99 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 348.16 | 344.16 | 320.72 | 41.3 | 40.3 | 39.4 | 8.43 | 8.54 | 8.14 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 264.00 | 259.38 | 215.41 | 37.5 | 37.7 | 33.5 | 7.04 | 6.88 | 6.43 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 663.69 | 669.61 | 641.29 | 41.3 | 42.3 | 41.4 | 16.07 | 15.83 | 15.49 |
| Printing & Publishing | 479.20 | 452.96 | 458.64 | 40.0 | 38.0 | 39.1 | 11.98 | 11.92 | 11.73 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 932.96 | 935.06 | 885.19 | 47.6 | 46.8 | 46.2 | 19.60 | 19.98 | 19.16 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 1,072.90 | 903.17 | 993.40 | 50.8 | 44.1 | 48.2 | 21.12 | 20.48 | 20.61 |
| Petroleum Refining | 1,103.25 | 924.53 | 1,022.99 | 51.1 | 43.9 | 48.9 | 21.59 | 21.06 | 20.92 |
| **MINING** | 645.00 | 639.33 | 631.24 | 51.6 | 50.7 | 49.9 | 12.50 | 12.61 | 12.65 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 630.68 | 622.43 | 589.47 | 42.7 | 42.4 | 41.6 | 14.77 | 14.68 | 14.17 |
| **BANKING** | 337.75 | 334.44 | 320.89 | 36.2 | 36.0 | 36.3 | 9.33 | 9.29 | 8.84 |

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**(1)** Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **138,700** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **82,700** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept. '94* | Aug. '94** | Sept. '93** | Sept. '94* | Aug. '94** | Sept. '93** | Sept. '94* | Aug. '94** | Sept. '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $696.50 | $688.90 | $662.49 | 43.1 | 43.3 | 43.3 | $16.16 | $15.91 | $15.30 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 982.77 | 971.38 | 919.13 | 47.0 | 47.2 | 47.5 | 20.91 | 20.58 | 19.35 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,500** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $613.36 | $586.02 | $559.15 | 45.1 | 43.7 | 42.2 | $13.60 | $13.41 | $13.25 |
| Durable Goods | 502.11 | 505.39 | 433.22 | 43.7 | 44.1 | 39.6 | 11.49 | 11.46 | 10.94 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 467.84 | 510.47 | 504.39 | 42.3 | 45.7 | 45.4 | 11.06 | 11.17 | 11.11 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 463.54 | 453.33 | 481.09 | 43.2 | 41.1 | 45.3 | 10.73 | 11.03 | 10.62 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 425.25 | 463.47 | 371.95 | 40.5 | 43.6 | 36.9 | 10.50 | 10.63 | 10.08 |
| Nondurable Goods | 711.31 | 655.56 | 659.91 | 46.4 | 43.3 | 44.2 | 15.33 | 15.14 | 14.93 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 449.89 | 449.24 | 433.87 | 43.3 | 44.0 | 43.3 | 10.39 | 10.21 | 10.02 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 182.82 | 182.29 | 187.07 | 34.3 | 34.2 | 34.2 | 5.33 | 5.33 | 5.47 |
| Printing & Publishing | 512.06 | 468.47 | 480.38 | 44.8 | 39.6 | 42.7 | 11.43 | 11.83 | 11.25 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 954.69 | 936.24 | 998.94 | 50.3 | 47.0 | 49.6 | 18.98 | 19.92 | 20.14 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **35,200** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $592.57 | $593.40 | $589.78 | 43.7 | 43.0 | 40.9 | $13.56 | $13.80 | $14.42 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 343.17 | 329.94 | 322.87 | 44.8 | 43.7 | 41.5 | 7.66 | 7.55 | 7.78 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 364.10 | 309.07 | 334.60 | 33.1 | 28.2 | 31.3 | 11.00 | 10.96 | 10.69 |
| Printing and Publishing | 413.48 | 396.39 | 380.03 | 40.3 | 38.9 | 38.7 | 10.26 | 10.19 | 9.82 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 706.53 | 622.92 | 696.11 | 47.9 | 43.5 | 46.5 | 14.75 | 14.32 | 14.97 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **16,100** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

# LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| (in thousands) | PRELIMINARY SEP., 1994 | | | | REVISED AUG., 1994 | | | | REVISED SEP., 1993 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE | LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | UNEMP RATE |
| LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.) | 1977.2 | 1825.3 | 151.9 | 7.7 | 1974.2 | 1818.9 | 155.3 | 7.9 | 1868.3 | 1734.5 | 133.8 | 7.2 |
| LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED) | 1969.7 | 1822.4 | 147.3 | 7.5 | 1987.1 | 1826.8 | 160.3 | 8.1 | 1864.6 | 1733.6 | 131.0 | 7.0 |

DATA BELOW NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED - CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED. LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

| METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS & THEIR PARISH COMPONENTS | EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | PREL SEP '94 | REV AUG '94 | REV SEP '93 | PREL SEP '94 | REV AUG '94 | REV SEP '93 | PREL SEP '94 | REV AUG '94 | REV SEP '93 |
| ALEXANDRIA (RAPIDES) | 53.2 | 53.4 | 51.4 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 6.8 | 7.3 | 6.6 |
| BATON ROUGE | 264.5 | 262.1 | 251.1 | 19.2 | 21.5 | 18.0 | 6.8 | 7.6 | 6.7 |
| ASCENSION | 27.1 | 26.8 | 25.7 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 8.6 |
| EAST BATON ROUGE | 195.3 | 193.6 | 185.4 | 12.8 | 14.1 | 11.5 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 5.8 |
| LIVINGSTON | 33.1 | 32.8 | 31.5 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 9.0 | 10.2 | 9.4 |
| WEST BATON ROUGE | 9.0 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 8.6 | 9.5 | 8.6 |
| HOUMA | 74.2 | 74.7 | 70.3 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 6.3 |
| LAFOURCHE | 35.0 | 35.2 | 33.2 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 6.4 |
| TERREBONNE | 39.2 | 39.5 | 37.1 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 6.2 |
| LAFAYETTE | 149.1 | 151.0 | 142.1 | 11.6 | 12.2 | 9.9 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 6.5 |
| ACADIA | 20.7 | 20.9 | 19.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 7.6 |
| LAFAYETTE | 82.5 | 83.5 | 78.6 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.2 |
| ST LANDRY | 27.7 | 28.1 | 26.4 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 2.7 | 11.0 | 12.0 | 9.2 |
| ST MARTIN | 18.2 | 18.5 | 17.4 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 7.1 |
| LAKE CHARLES (CALCASIEU) | 75.8 | 76.3 | 72.5 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 7.8 | 8.5 | 7.0 |
| MONROE (OUACHITA) | 62.7 | 62.8 | 60.1 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 6.5 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 564.9 | 566.5 | 541.7 | 44.7 | 47.4 | 40.4 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 6.9 |
| JEFFERSON | 220.9 | 221.5 | 211.8 | 14.9 | 15.9 | 13.5 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.0 |
| ORLEANS | 191.1 | 191.6 | 183.3 | 17.5 | 18.0 | 15.1 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 7.6 |
| PLAQUEMINES | 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 6.8 |
| ST BERNARD | 29.2 | 29.3 | 28.0 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 7.9 | 8.6 | 7.0 |
| ST CHARLES | 19.4 | 19.5 | 18 6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 7.9 |
| ST JAMES | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 9.7 | 14.0 | 12.9 |
| ST JOHN | 17.1 | 17.1 | 16.4 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 7.7 | 9.4 | 10.0 |
| ST TAMMANY | 69.6 | 69.8 | 66.7 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.3 |
| SHREV'T-BOSSIER CITY | 167.9 | 169.4 | 157.5 | 13.3 | 13.8 | 11.3 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 6.7 |
| BOSSIER | 39.9 | 40.3 | 37.4 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| CADDO | 111.1 | 112.1 | 104.3 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 6.5 |
| WEBSTER | 16.9 | 17.0 | 15.8 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 8.7 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| PARISH | EMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYED | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | PREL SEP '94 | REV AUG '94 | REV SEP '93 | PREL SEP '94 | REV AUG '94 | REV SEP '93 | PREL SEP '94 | REV AUG '94 | REV SEP '93 |
| ALLEN | 7950 | 8050 | 7525 | 875 | 900 | 750 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 9.0 |
| ASSUMPTION | 8525 | 8650 | 7800 | 725 | 850 | 900 | 7.9 | 9.0 | 10.5 |
| AVOYELLES | 15675 | 15375 | 13175 | 1500 | 1750 | 1325 | 8.7 | 10.2 | 9.1 |
| BEAUREGARD | 11925 | 11900 | 11375 | 1125 | 1275 | 1000 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 8.1 |
| BIENVILLE | 5875 | 5900 | 5625 | 525 | 575 | 425 | 8.1 | 8.9 | 7.0 |
| CALDWELL | 4050 | 4075 | 3925 | 425 | 575 | 375 | 9.3 | 12.3 | 8.6 |
| CAMERON | 3600 | 3625 | 3350 | 200 | 175 | 175 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| CATAHOULA | 5100 | 5125 | 4700 | 525 | 600 | 425 | 9.1 | 10.3 | 8.2 |
| CLAIBORNE | 5150 | 5250 | 5100 | 575 | 650 | 325 | 10.1 | 10.9 | 6.1 |
| CONCORDIA | 7625 | 7675 | 7325 | 975 | 1025 | 925 | 11.5 | 11.9 | 11.2 |
| DESOTO | 9425 | 9425 | 8875 | 850 | 1000 | 825 | 8.3 | 9.6 | 8.6 |
| EAST CARROLL | 3075 | 3075 | 2875 | 400 | 575 | 350 | 11.3 | 15.7 | 11.2 |
| EAST FELICIANA | 7675 | 7700 | 7175 | 650 | 700 | 575 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 7.3 |
| EVANGELINE | 11625 | 11600 | 11025 | 950 | 1025 | 750 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 6.3 |
| FRANKLIN | 9575 | 9725 | 9225 | 1025 | 1200 | 850 | 9.7 | 10.9 | 8.3 |
| GRANT | 6275 | 6325 | 6400 | 775 | 825 | 450 | 11.0 | 11.4 | 6.7 |
| IBERIA | 27600 | 27550 | 26275 | 2450 | 2650 | 1975 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 6.9 |
| IBERVILLE | 12075 | 12175 | 11475 | 1400 | 1600 | 1325 | 10.3 | 11.6 | 10.4 |
| JACKSON | 6175 | 6200 | 5825 | 500 | 450 | 350 | 7.6 | 6.6 | 5.8 |
| JEFFERSON DAVIS | 10900 | 11050 | 10450 | 1125 | 1100 | 875 | 9.3 | 9.0 | 7.8 |
| LASALLE | 5525 | 5550 | 5375 | 425 | 525 | 525 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 8.8 |
| LINCOLN | 18825 | 18075 | 18075 | 925 | 775 | 700 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 3.7 |
| MADISON | 4550 | 4600 | 4250 | 550 | 650 | 525 | 10.9 | 12.5 | 10.8 |
| MOREHOUSE | 12500 | 12525 | 11875 | 1350 | 1650 | 1125 | 9.8 | 11.6 | 8.7 |
| NATCHITOCHES | 15800 | 15725 | 14600 | 1225 | 1425 | 1125 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 7.1 |
| POINTE COUPEE | 9075 | 9100 | 8750 | 1100 | 1375 | 925 | 10.8 | 13.2 | 9.6 |
| RED RIVER | 3575 | 3550 | 3325 | 350 | 375 | 300 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 8.4 |
| RICHLAND | 7800 | 7775 | 7300 | 875 | 1050 | 750 | 10.0 | 11.9 | 9.2 |
| SABINE | 8900 | 8900 | 8375 | 575 | 675 | 575 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 6.4 |
| ST HELENA | 3800 | 3775 | 3600 | 325 | 400 | 225 | 7.9 | 9.8 | 6.0 |
| ST MARY | 22750 | 23075 | 20775 | 2300 | 2425 | 1900 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 8.3 |
| TANGIPAHOA | 36500 | 36225 | 34550 | 4225 | 4975 | 3725 | 10.4 | 12.1 | 9.7 |
| TENSAS | 2950 | 2950 | 2650 | 225 | 300 | 200 | 7.3 | 9.4 | 7.3 |
| UNION | 10950 | 11125 | 10375 | 725 | 725 | 575 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 5.4 |
| VERMILION | 21075 | 21200 | 19425 | 1450 | 1575 | 1325 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.4 |
| VERNON | 15925 | 16125 | 15625 | 1425 | 1575 | 1400 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 8.2 |
| WASHINGTON | 15525 | 15650 | 14450 | 1550 | 1700 | 1400 | 9.0 | 9.8 | 8.8 |
| WEST CARROLL | 4450 | 4350 | 4800 | 700 | 900 | 575 | 13.8 | 17.1 | 10.8 |
| WEST FELICIANA | 3375 | 3450 | 3275 | 350 | 325 | 275 | 9.5 | 8.9 | 8.0 |
| WINN | 6375 | 6425 | 5950 | 375 | 400 | 300 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 4.9 |

LABOR AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED.

# ALEXANDRIA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1994* | Aug. 1994** | Sept. 1993** | Net Change From Aug. 1994 | Net Change From Sept. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 50.1 | 49.9 | 49.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 7.2 | 7.3 | 6.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| MINING | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.1 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 42.9 | 42.6 | 43.0 | + 0.3 | - 0.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 14.5 | 14.4 | 14.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Health Services | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 0 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.8 | 12.5 | 12.9 | + 0.3 | - 0.1 |
| Federal | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 10.5 | 10.2 | 10.5 | + 0.3 | 0 |
| State | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.6 | + 0.3 | 0 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 50,100 in September, a 200 increase currently and over the year.

Employment in the goods producing sector declined to a level of 7,200. Less business activity in general nonresidential contractors were totally responsible for the current loss in construction. Both mining and manufacturing remained unchanged from the prior month.

Employment in the service producing sector increased to a level of 42,900. Employment increased 300 in local government, due to the start-up of the new school year. Private education and health services were primarily responsible for the upturn in services. Finance, insurance, and real estate moved downward to 2,100, due to less business in the banking industry.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1994* | Aug. 1994** | Sept. 1993** | Net Change From Aug. 1994 | Net Change From Sept. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 264.0 | 258.8 | 257.0 | + 5.2 | + 7.0 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 56.4 | 55.0 | 54.0 | + 1.4 | + 2.4 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 32.5 | 30.9 | 30.1 | + 1.6 | + 2.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 23.0 | 23.2 | 23.0 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 5.9 | 6.1 | 5.7 | - 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.3 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 207.6 | 203.8 | 203.0 | + 3.8 | + 4.6 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 58.0 | 57.9 | 55.9 | + 0.1 | + 2.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 44.5 | 44.4 | 42.6 | + 0.1 | + 1.9 |
| General Merchandise | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.6 | 14.7 | 14.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Banking | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 65.2 | 65.1 | 63.6 | + 0.1 | + 1.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 58.0 | 54.2 | 57.0 | + 3.8 | + 1.0 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 55.6 | 51.8 | 54.6 | + 3.8 | + 1.0 |
| State | 30.9 | 27.2 | 30.3 | + 3.7 | + 0.6 |
| Local | 24.7 | 24.6 | 24.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA rose to a record level of 264,000 in September, as a result of seasonal increases in government. The overall yearly gain of 7,000 was centered mainly in the construction and trade industries.

Goods producing employment continued its upward trend to a level of 56,400, an increase of 2,400 from the prior year. Substantial gain in all segments of construction allowed an overall growth of 1,600 from August. The manufacturing sector, affected by less business in the durable goods industry, moved down to 23,000 in September.

Service producing employment rebounded to a level of 207,600 in September, an increase of 3,800 from the prior month. The largest gain occurred in government due to the return of students and faculty at local and state educational institutions. Both trade and services were on the upturn in September, influenced by more business activity. Transportation, communications, and public utilities declined to 11,800, triggered by losses in the communications segment. Downsizing in the real estate segment was totally responsible for the current loss in finance, insurance, and real estate.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,500 production workers in all manufacturing was $696.50 for September, an increase of $7.60 from the August average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $34.01. Average weekly hours, at 43.1, decreased by 0.2 hours in August, while average hourly earnings, at $16.16, increased by $0.25 an hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 283,700. This figure was comprised of 264,500 employed and 19,200 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 6.8 percent in September.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,008 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,554 referrals to current openings resulted in 123 placements during September.

## HOUMA AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1994* | Aug. 1994** | Sept. 1993** | Net Change From Aug. 1994 | Net Change From Sept. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.7 | 61.2 | 59.8 | + 0.5 | + 1.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.7 | 13.7 | 13.7 | 0 | 0 |
| MINING | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 48.0 | 47.5 | 46.1 | + 0.5 | + 1.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.4 | 15.3 | 14.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.5 | 12.4 | 11.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 12.0 | 12.1 | 11.4 | - 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.5 | 12.0 | 11.9 | + 0.5 | + 0.6 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 12.1 | 11.6 | 11.5 | + 0.5 | + 0.6 |
| State | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.3 | + 0.4 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA registered at 61,700 for September. This was a gain of 500 over August's revised figure of 61,200 and a sizable increase of 1,900 from the year-ago level of 59,800.

Goods producing employment stood at 13,700 for September and August. There was also no change from September one year ago.

Service producing employment noted an increase of 500. Trade was up by 100 over the month in the retail trade sector, while services fell by 100. Government was responsible for most of the gain in service producing employment, with seasonal increases of 500 in state and local government. This was due to the beginning of the fall semester.

## LAFAYETTE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1994* | Aug. 1994** | Sept. 1993** | Net Change From Aug. 1994 | Net Change From Sept. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 139.6 | 139.7 | 136.4 | - 0.1 | + 3.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 34.4 | 34.8 | 33.3 | - 0.4 | + 1.0 |
| MINING | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.2 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.2 | 7.4 | 6.8 | - 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16.0 | 16.1 | 15.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Durable Goods | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.3 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 105.2 | 104.9 | 103.1 | + 0.3 | + 2.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 36.1 | 36.0 | 34.6 | + 0.1 | + 1.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.1 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 28.0 | 27.9 | 26.8 | + 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| General Merchandise | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Banking | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 33.2 | 33.2 | 32.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 22.0 | 21.7 | 22.0 | + 0.3 | 0 |
| Federal | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 20.7 | 20.4 | 20.7 | + 0.3 | 0 |
| State | 6.3 | 5.8 | 6.3 | + 0.5 | 0 |
| Local | 14.4 | 14.6 | 14.4 | - 0.2 | 0 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 139,600 in September, was down by 100 from the August revised estimate of 139,700.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,400, a decrease from the August figure of 34,800. Mining and manufacturing was off 100 each; while construction dropped 200 during September.

Service producing employment was estimated at 105,200, an increase of 300 from last month's figure. The trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors offset each other with a 100 person change in employment. Government increased 300 due to seasonal hiring in the state government sector.

## LAKE CHARLES AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1994* | Aug. 1994** | Sept. 1993** | Net Change From Aug. 1994 | Net Change From Sept. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 74.1 | 73.9 | 72.8 | + 0.2 | + 1.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 19.9 | 19.9 | 19.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| MINING | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 11.3 | 11.2 | 11.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.5 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.7 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 54.2 | 54.0 | 53.0 | + 0.2 | + 1.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.6 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.5 | 16.3 | 16.5 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 13.2 | 13.0 | 13.2 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 18.2 | 18.3 | 17.0 | - 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.6 | 12.4 | 12.3 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| State | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.6 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA reached a level of 74,100 for September. This was a gain of 200 from the August revised level of 73,900 and was 1,300 above September of last year.

Goods producing employment leveled off at 19,900 for September and August, and rose only by 100 from September of last year. Small increases and decreases of 100 each were noted in construction and nondurable goods manufacturing, offsetting each other and producing no change in the overall figure for the goods producing industry.

Service producing employment revealed a minimal rise of 200 over the month, but a substantial gain of 1,200 from the year-ago figure. Drops of 100 each in the transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services sectors somewhat diminished seasonal increases of 200 each in retail trade and state government.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | Sept. 1994* | Aug. 1994** | Sept. 1993** | Net Change From Aug. 1994 | Net Change From Sept. 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 63.0 | 62.4 | 61.8 | + 0.6 | + 1.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.6 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Durable Goods | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 51.5 | 51.0 | 50.2 | + 0.5 | + 1.3 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.7 | 15.7 | 14.8 | 0 | + 0.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.4 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.8 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Banking | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 16.1 | 16.1 | 15.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.0 | 11.4 | 11.9 | + 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.5 | 10.9 | 11.4 | + 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| State | 5.1 | 4.5 | 5.0 | + 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 0 | 0 |

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 63,000 in September. This was 600 more than the August revised estimate and 1,200 more than the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 11,500, showed a slight increase of 100 from August, 1994. Mining remained stable. Construction rose by 100 over-the-month. Manufacturing, estimated at 8,000, was unchanged from the August figure, but 100 less than the September, 1993 figure of 8,100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 51,500 for September, 1994. This was 500 more than August and 1,300 more than September, 1993. Government was higher due to an increase of 600 in state government.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
### (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept. 1994* | Aug. 1994** | Sept. 1993** | Aug. 1994 | Sept. 1993 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 579.2 | 575.1 | 573.1 | + 4.1 | + 6.1 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 87.4 | 87.3 | 87.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| MINING | 14.2 | 14.1 | 14.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 13.7 | 13.6 | 13.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 24.4 | 24.5 | 25.6 | - 0.1 | - 1.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 48.8 | 48.7 | 47.5 | + 0.1 | + 1.3 |
| Durable Goods | 23.2 | 23.1 | 22.0 | + 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Transportation Equipment | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 0 | + 0.6 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Other Durable Goods | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 25.6 | 25.6 | 25.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 491.8 | 487.8 | 485.9 | + 4.0 | + 5.9 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 42.3 | 42.6 | 43.3 | - 0.3 | - 1.0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Water Transportation | 11.4 | 11.6 | 12.0 | - 0.2 | - 0.6 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 12.8 | 12.8 | 13.2 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 141.1 | 141.2 | 140.0 | - 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33.3 | 33.3 | 33.5 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.3 | 17.3 | 17.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 16.0 | 16.0 | 16.2 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 107.8 | 107.9 | 106.5 | - 0.1 | + 1.3 |
| General Merchandise | 12.9 | 12.6 | 12.3 | + 0.3 | + 0.6 |
| Food Stores | 20.6 | 20.4 | 20.6 | + 0.2 | 0 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 38.2 | 38.5 | 38.2 | - 0.3 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 30.0 | 30.2 | 29.9 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Banking | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 174.2 | 170.9 | 169.5 | + 3.3 | + 4.7 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.1 | 13.2 | 13.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Health Services | 49.0 | 49.1 | 47.9 | - 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| Educational Services | 17.4 | 14.6 | 19.0 | + 2.8 | - 1.6 |
| GOVERNMENT | 104.2 | 102.9 | 103.2 | + 1.3 | + 1.0 |
| Federal | 16.9 | 16.9 | 17.4 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| State and Local | 87.3 | 86.0 | 85.8 | + 1.3 | + 1.5 |
| State | 23.6 | 23.5 | 23.7 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Local | 63.7 | 62.5 | 62.1 | + 1.2 | + 1.6 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA in September was estimated at 579,200, an increase of 4,100 from the August revised level and 6,100 above September, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 87,400 in September. This was 100 more than August and 200 higher than the year-ago figure. Mining and manufacturing showed an increase of 100 each, while construction exhibited a decrease of 100 from the August level.

Service producing employment, estimated at 491,800, was 4,000 higher than last month and 5,900 above September of last year. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was down mainly due to less business in the water transportation industry. Trade had a minimal decline of 100 for September. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment was lower in the finance segment. Services employment accounted for much of the over-the-month gain with increases in the educational services, and amusement and recreation services segments. Government also rose due to a seasonal increase in local education payrolls.

An estimated 35,200 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $613.36 per week, up $27.34 from last month's revised figure. Average weekly hours were 45.1, up from 43.7 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.60, up from $13.41 in August, and $0.35 higher than September of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 47,400 in September. The unemployment rate registered 7.3 percent.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | | | | Net Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept. 1994* | Aug. 1994** | Sept. 1993** | Aug. 1994 | Sept. 1993 |
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 160.6 | 160.3 | 155.4 | + 0.3 | + 5.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 31.8 | 32.2 | 31.8 | - 0.4 | 0 |
| MINING | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.0 | 8.3 | 8.3 | - 0.3 | - 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20.7 | 20.8 | 20.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 14.6 | 14.6 | 14.3 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.2 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 128.8 | 128.1 | 123.6 | + 0.7 | + 5.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.3 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 37.4 | 37.5 | 36.4 | - 0.1 | + 1.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 28.4 | 28.5 | 27.6 | - 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 45.2 | 45.2 | 41.5 | 0 | + 3.7 |
| GOVERNMENT | 31.2 | 30.6 | 30.8 | + 0.6 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 26.1 | 25.5 | 25.7 | + 0.6 | + 0.4 |
| State | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Local | 17.6 | 17.0 | 17.3 | + 0.6 | + 0.3 |

# SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 160,600 for September, this was an increase of 300 from the August revised figure of 160,300.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 31,800, decreased by 400 from the August level of 32,200. Manufacturing was down slightly by 100; while construction was off 300 due to losses across the entire sector.

Service producing employment rose 700 from August to September, to an estimated level of 128,800. The transportation, communications, and public utilities sector, and finance, insurance, and real estate sector each had a minimal gain of 100 each. Government employment increased, at the local level, as the 1994 school year began.

An estimated 16,100 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $592.57 in September, compared to $593.40 in August. Average weekly hours increased to 43.7 in September, compared to 43.0 in August. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.56, compared to $13.80 in August.

The civilian labor force for the MSA, estimated at 181,200 included 167,900 employed and 13,300 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.3 percent.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States. Prices are gathered from 85 areas across the country. The years 1982-84 are used as the base period. While the CPI may provide a broad outline of price fluctuations, it cannot reflect individual buying trends or regional experiences.

### ANNUAL AVERAGES

| | ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | | URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL WORKERS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| YEAR | INDEX* | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
| 1987 | 113.6 | + 3.6 | 112.5 | + 3.6 |
| 1988 | 118.3 | + 4.1 | 117.0 | + 4.0 |
| 1989 | 124.0 | + 4.8 | 122.6 | + 4.8 |
| 1990 | 130.7 | + 5.4 | 129.0 | + 5.2 |
| 1991 | 136.2 | + 4.2 | 134.3 | + 4.1 |
| 1992 | 140.3 | + 3.0 | 138.2 | + 2.9 |
| 1993 | 144.5 | + 3.0 | 142.1 | + 2.8 |

### MONTHLY 1993 - 1994

| | | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR | | | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1993 | INDEX | [MONTH | YEAR] | INDEX | [MONTH | YEAR] |
| Jan. | 142.6 | + 0.5 | + 3.3 | 140.3 | + 0.4 | + 3.2 |
| Feb. | 143.1 | + 0.4 | + 3.2 | 140.7 | + 0.3 | + 3.2 |
| Mar. | 143.6 | + 0.3 | + 3.1 | 141.1 | + 0.3 | + 3.0 |
| Apr. | 144.0 | + 0.3 | + 3.2 | 141.6 | + 0.4 | + 3.1 |
| May | 144.2 | + 0.1 | + 3.2 | 141.9 | + 0.2 | + 3.1 |
| June | 144.4 | + 0.1 | + 3.0 | 142.0 | + 0.1 | + 2.8 |
| July | 144.4 | 0 | + 2.8 | 142.1 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 |
| Aug. | 144.8 | + 0.3 | + 2.8 | 142.4 | + 0.2 | + 2.6 |
| Sept. | 145.1 | + 0.2 | + 2.7 | 142.6 | + 0.1 | + 2.5 |
| Oct. | 145.7 | + 0.4 | + 2.8 | 143.3 | + 0.5 | + 2.7 |
| Nov. | 145.8 | + 0.1 | + 2.7 | 143.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.6 |
| Dec. | 145.8 | 0 | + 2.7 | 143.3 | - 0.1 | + 2.5 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 146.2 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 143.6 | + 0.2 | + 2.4 |
| Feb. | 146.7 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 144.0 | + 0.3 | + 2.3 |
| Mar. | 147.2 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 144.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.3 |
| Apr. | 147.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.4 | 144.7 | + 0.2 | + 2.2 |
| May | 147.5 | + 0.1 | + 2.3 | 144.9 | + 0.1 | + 2.1 |
| June | 148.0 | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | 145.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.4 |
| July | 148.4 | + 0.3 | + 2.8 | 145.8 | + 0.3 | + 2.6 |
| Aug. | 149.0 | + 0.4 | + 2.9 | 146.5 | + 0.5 | + 2.9 |
| Sept. | 149.4 | + 0.3 | + 3.0 | 146.9 | + 0.3 | + 3.0 |

**TO COMPUTE PERCENT CHANGE:**

$$\frac{\text{CURRENT PERIOD - PRIOR PERIOD}}{\text{PRIOR PERIOD}} \times 100 = \%\ \text{change}$$

*Based to 1982-1984 = 100.0

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